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Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
2301 N. Cameron St.
Harrisburg, Pa. 17110-9408

Attn: Mary Bender

Re: Proposed New Dog Law

Dear Ms. Bender

I am sending this letter as a last effort to help you understand how hard the new dog law will be on existing boarding kennels in Pennsylvania.

My family and I have operated Woodbine Boarding Kennels since 1982. We have a valued clientele that not only appreciate us, but depend on us to be there for them. Our clientele also consists of several veterinarians who not only board with us, but recommend us to other customers.

We have always passed our kennel inspections, have kept all pertinent records and have taken very good care of the animals that stay with us. I guess over 25 years of service tells us that. I am also a Laboratory Animal Technologist with over 15 years experience in the field before opening a kennel. So I am very aware of signs of disease and problems to look for in animals.

Due to the construction of our kennel, we probably would not be able to instill the changes the law has proposed without a huge increase in boarding fees, which people in this area could not afford, putting us out of business which would leave a lot of people without a kennel to use, which would hurt the tourism industry in this area as there is already a shortage of kennels in the northern counties as it is.

I understand you have to crack down on some kennels with the "backyard breeders" high on the list, but to inflict such hardships on kennels that are complying with the existing law is troublesome.

I do hope that you and your constituents will be fair in your decisions on this law as our livelihood is at stake.

Thanking you in advance for your time

I remain Sincerely,

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