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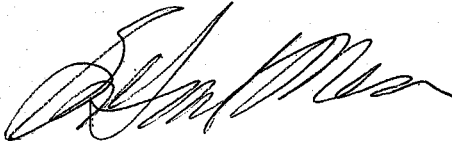
Dear Ms. Bender:

As a minister and person of faith, I am writing to request that you support the proposed Dog Law Enforcement bill to improve the conditions of animals in the "puppy mills" of Pennsylvania. Please include the following provisions:

- » doubling the minimum cage size
- » requiring daily exercise outside of the cage
- » required heat when the temperature drops below 50 degrees
- » required cooling (by fan or air conditioning) when the temperature rises above 85 degrees
- » improving ventilation in kennel areas
- » denying kennel licenses to individuals convicted of animal cruelty within the past 10 years

There is no excuse to disregard the suffering of another of God's creatures when we have the ability to change that situation. It is important that we alleviate the suffering of all species, both human and non-human whenever we have the capacity to do so. We have the ability to leave the world better than we found it, so let's work together to do it. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Peace and blessings,



Reverend Barbara Gunsel-Mearns