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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

Department of Agriculture Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement Attn: Mary Bender 2301 North Cameron Street Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

Good Day Ms. Bender,

I am contacting you today regarding the desperate need for improvement where dog kennel regulations are concerned. I understand that there is a comment period happening until the middle of March and so I wanted to be sure that my concerns are made known. I strongly and compassionately support the movement towards larger spaces for dogs and puppies in puppy mills, as well as protection from the elements and plenty of opportunity to be outside of their cages for exercise and socialization that is so crucial to any social and loving creature.

In the year 2007, we are often too busy with our own on-goings to take time and really think about changes that need to be done, let alone where to start with making those changes a reality. In instances of animal abuse and neglect, and with regard to animal welfare and rights as a whole, I feel strongly that more needs to be done on their behalf. They do not have voices to speak up for, and to protect, themselves. Many of these beautiful souls are at the mercy of human beings and far too often, they are let down in all of the ways that matter...from barest essentials of food and water, to the simplest of receiving attention and affection.

Please be sure to do all that you can to better the conditions within kennels by improving the outdated kennel regulations.

Thank you in advance for your time, consideration and compassion in this matter.

Sincerely,

Stacey C. Perkins