2568 Morris Road Lansdale, Pa. 19446 March 1, 2007

Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement Attn: Mary Bender Pa. Dept. of Agriculture 2301 N. Cameron St. Harrisburg, Pa. 17110-9408

Dear Ms. Bender:

It has come to my attention that our governor is proposing changes to the state's dog law and related state regulations, with the intent to improve conditions under which dogs are bred and sold in Pennsylvania. These include, among other things, strengthening criminal penalties to the dog law and cruelty statutes; changing requirements that would improve conditions at dog-breeding facilities, including requiring at least minimal exercise for dogs housed in kennels; and requiring more detailed record-keeping for breeders.

I am glad to see this proposed legislation and hope that you will do everything in your power to strongly support it. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Maria Vitello, DVM