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Pennsylvania Dept. of Agriculture
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Attn: Ms. Mary Bender

March 2, 2007

Dear Ms. Bender:

I am writing to express my comments on the proposed new dog laws that have been recently introduced in Harrisburg. I fear if they pass as approved, they could possibly do more harm than good to many of PA's good boarding kennels.

I recently moved to PA and feel very fortunate to have found a good boarding kennel for my two dogs. I have now just been told that if these regulation changes are approved, I will no longer be able to board my two dogs together because of their size difference. My kennel just brought this to my attention today and I must say that I am upset that someone in Harrisburg can make a decision for what they think is best for my dogs without even knowing me or my dogs. They need the security of being together and I will not be happy if this passes and they must be kenneled separated.

I agree with my kennel owner that perhaps more effort should be spent enforcing the dog laws that are already on the books before passing new laws. Also many of these regulations that were explained to me seem like they will be very difficult to interpret as well as to actually enforce.

I question if these changes really are even necessary. And if so, why must they include the small responsible boarding kennels when I thought the point of all these new regulations was meant for the puppy mills? Please don't fix what isn't broken.

Sincerely,

