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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
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Dear Ms. Bender,

I'm quite sure that by this time every point that could be made has been offered. I guess all I can hope to do is reinforce one point that I feel need the most attention.

The most important fact is simply there does not appear to be valid reasons for these many harsh regulation changes to take place at all. Just because a few special interest groups are pushing for their personal agenda is not just cause to place the unnecessary burdens these new regulations will have on many good dog people.

I believe Gov. Rendell said in his inaugural speech that he would not be swayed by special interest groups. It didn't take long after the election was over for the members of PETA, ASPCA and Main Line rescue, just to name a few, to expect support for their cause. And it appears they have gotten that support completely.

The only hope for the "little guys", who are way under-funded and lack the big lobbyists that the animal rights groups have - their only hope - is that there might still be some **persons of reason**, with integrity, in our state Capital who be able to stop this attack on the reputable small breeders and small boarding kennels. Surely not everyone in the decision making process with these new dog law changes actually believes these new rules would be in the best interest of the dogs in Pennsylvania. I know it is being pushed through under the guise of "helping the puppy mill dogs" but all you have to do is take the time to read the full 68 pages and you will see who the actual targets are!

I respectfully ask that at some point reason prevails and someone steps forward to do the right thing. Please don't punish the good breeders of PA. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Regards,

Jeff Bartron