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Attn: Ms. Mary Bender

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Dear Ms. Bender:

I understand that the alleged reason behind these regulation changes has been because our Governor has decided he doesn't like being known as the puppy mill capital of the east coast.

I would like to know what the Governor considers a "puppy mill"? To me it has come to mean any place that breeds or sells more than 2 or 3 different breeds. While there is nothing wrong with making a bit of a profit, when breeding becomes big business, then I think it is being done for the wrong reasons.

The only dog breeders doing it right, in my opinion, are the small, home breeders who truly have a love for their chosen breed. Any breeding, when done, is done towards improving that breed to better reflect that breed's standard. They chose the parents of each litter carefully and then passionately care for the offspring as if they were their children.

Anyone who is lucky enough to pass their strict screening and does get to purchase one of their puppies is now a part of the family and is expected to stay in contact throughout the life of the dog.

Now it appears that because of some loony animal rights groups these responsible, dedicated small breeders will have to choose between giving up their PA kennel license or make sure they keep under the 26 dog limit to avoid having to keep their license. And who is to say that the number 26 won't change if PETA feels they want it to later be 16?

Now that PA's Governor is a lame duck it appears, in my opinion, he is making a lot of bad decisions based on his plans for his future legacy, not on what damage he will leave behind once he is out of office.

If these proposals go through, believe me he will be doing a lot of damage to the good breeders of PA. And unfortunately won't even be making a dent in his claim to want to help the poor puppy mill dogs.

With heavy heart,

