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Mr. Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
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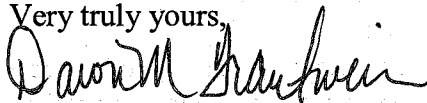
Dear Mr. Coccodrilli:

I am writing to you to offer comment on the proposed new regulations intended to improve the many problems associated with puppy mills in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. As a volunteer with Delaware Valley Golden Retriever Rescue who fosters rescued breeder bitches and the adoptive owner of a rescued breeder bitch, I heartily applaud your Commission's efforts to improve the care and conditions of dogs being bred for profit.

While the changes are intended to improve the problems with puppy mills, some of the new regulations will effect any organization that houses dogs, including kennels, rescue organizations, dog groomers, and dog day care and training centers. I respectfully ask you to consider the ramifications of the new regulations on law-abiding and humane organizations. Specifically, I would ask that you consider extending an exemption for shelters from the kennel expansion and exercise requirements, and that foster homes be exempt from kennel housing requirements with separate performance standards appropriate for home care settings.

I again thank you and your Commission for your efforts toward changing the lives of breeder dogs and ending the abuse of puppy mills in Pennsylvania.

Very truly yours,



Dawn M. Trautwein
(DVGRR volunteer)