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**Attn: Ms. Mary Bender**

**March 6, 2007**

**Dear Ms. Bender:**

**I understand the comment period on the proposed changes to the PA dog laws has been extended to the middle of March. I am glad I will get another opportunity since I missed the earlier comment time. In fact, I just heard about this situation and it seems like the more people I talk with about this, well it appears to be becoming quite a serious matter.**

**I am still confused why these drastic changes have suddenly become necessary. Yes, there is a definite problem with many dogs being kept in deplorable conditions. But that should be dealt with under cruelty laws not the licensed dog law regulations. I've learned that many of the worst offenders don't even have state licenses, so they would not fall under these changes anyway. So with them, it would be business as usual! That makes no sense to me, unless I'm missing something.**

**The state of PA has ALLOWED these puppy mills to operate for many years - now all of a sudden, because some animal rights groups are taking advantage of the Democratic majority - all dog breeders and kennels are being lumped into the same category and all will be penalized for the errors of a few? If you want to make changes, then start where the changes need to be made. I don't have to tell you where the problem areas are, I'm sure the Dog Law Wardens know where they are.**

**It would be wonderful if this could have a happy ending for everyone, especially the dogs. It would probably take a miracle, but stranger things have happened. God bless you and I will pray that your dept does the right thing.**

**Hopefully,**

*Robert T. Sherman*