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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
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Dear Ms. Bender,

No matter how hard you try, the State cannot legislate human behavior and that is the crux of the perceived problem in Pennsylvania.

The animal rights organizations, which have screamed loudly into politicians ears and donated to politicians coffers, are promoting public misconceptions about dog breeding and breeders in Pennsylvania. Instead of listening to the constituents and the voters of Pennsylvania, the Governor and his hand picked committee are giving credence to the animal rights groups.

It's about time that the people of Pennsylvania have their voices heard and stand up against legislators and enforcement "officers" on a power trip. It seems the citizens of PA will be subject to regulations enforced by someone's interpretation or opinion. These "proposed" rules and regulations are too broad and have the potential to be unfairly enforced for the slightest infraction as well as being so costly as to financially cripple the very people you say you are trying to protect. It appears that we can no longer trust the State to guard our Constitutional rights or our private property, nor can we trust the elected officials to speak as the voice of the people.

The current laws on the books are adequate and enforceable. This new resolution agenda is unfair and many of the requirements are unrealistic and absurd.

This newly appointed Board no longer represents the state wide interests of PA residents and eliminates any representation of dog clubs and hobby breeders.

Last but certainly not least, Rendell will have to raise taxes in order to fund this Gestapo band of dog enforcement police.

Wouldn't it be wiser to enforce the laws currently on the books? They ARE good laws and with fair enforcement, quite adequate. Pennsylvania had the "guiding light" of dog laws but they were not enforced. Please reconsider this terrible resolution. The honest person will be punished and the person(s) for whom the law was written won't abide with the resolutions anyhow, leaving the conscientious breeder to suffer in their stead.

One last word of caution; dog owners, breeders, exhibitors, kennel owners, etc. can and will unite against this action. We are slow to action but once aroused, we can be like the proverbial "dog with a bone" as Senator Santorum found out. It wasn't all about the war or President Bush. It was a much simpler concept; that being "a man and his/her dog" and that horrible PAWS legislation. Believe me, this proposal is worse.

Respectfully,



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