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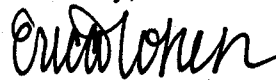
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Department of Agriculture  
Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement  
Attn: Mary Bender  
2301 North Cameron Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

Dear Ms. Bender,

My name is Erica Cohen and I am writing this letter in hopes of verbalizing my interest and support of the current Pennsylvania legislature regarding Puppy Mills. I believe this is a very important topic, for the inhumane condition and cruelty these animals endure is unacceptable. When looking at websites such as [www.stoppupmills.org](http://www.stoppupmills.org) and [www.prisonersofgreed.org](http://www.prisonersofgreed.org), I am deeply saddened by the stories and photographs I see. It is very widely publicized that Pennsylvania has a large number of puppy mills; there are hundreds of kennels with thousands of dogs that are currently suffering and some even freezing to death in below zero temperatures of winter. Pennsylvania has even been nicknamed the "puppy mill capital of the East." These animals understand what is happening to them and can feel the pain and torture they endure. As humans and Pennsylvania citizens, I know it is up to us to stop and prevent this cruelty toward animals. I really hope you are willing to address this issue. I greatly appreciate your time.

Sincerely,



Erica Cohen

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