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Mary Bender,

I have recently read in our local newspaper about the changes being made to the dog laws. The concern that I have is that this is not going to change or curtail the "puppy mill" situation but could possible hurt the good caring breeders of our state. I see no reason to change the laws as they stand today.

Instead of changing the laws, I feel the current puppy mills need to be more closely monitored. They, after all are the breeders who do no pre-testing, OFA clearances, CERF testing, check parentage backgrounds for possible health issues and on and on. Each National Breed club comes with a code of Ethics. Breeders belonging to those clubs follow that standard. These super multi breed kennels, designer dog kennels and the Puppy mills must be more closely watched. There are little or no health guarantees as the reputable breeders have. I don't feel that these new proposed changes are geared to help that.

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