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Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman  
Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
333 Market Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli,

I have nothing against responsible dog breeders who consider the welfare of bitches and puppies.

That stated: There are too many unwanted dogs in our so-called puppy mills who have to suffer out their existence in filth and misery, giving the entire breeding business a bad reputation.

Therefore, we have to come to some kind of compromise that both dog breeders and animal-welfare advocates can agree to.

Yes, we want to put violators permanently out of business.

Yes, we want stricter regulations that protect bitches and puppies, and if that increases costs, then that is the consequence of doing good business.

Yes, this may require better authenticated record keeping.

A commercial breeder should be held responsible for the entire lifecycle of these selfless creatures who have no voice for themselves.

We currently have too many overburdened shelters filled with rescued dogs because irresponsible and cruel breeders have overloaded the system with neglected and mistreated dogs. This must stop so that we avoid needless suffering.

I request that you address these issues with updated legislation.

Sincerely,

