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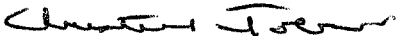
Dear Mr. Coccodrilli,

I am writing to voice my support for the proposed more humane regulations that would improve the living conditions of dogs in puppy mills and deny kennel licenses to individuals convicted of animal cruelty within 10 years.

I feel that this problem has gone unaddressed for too long and that these animals deserve basic, humane treatment such as more space and ventilation, better protection from the elements, and exercise outside their cages. I would also like to see legislation that controls the number of litters each dog may have within a period of time and/or their lifetime, and requires puppy mill owners to follow proper record-keeping of this information. This is an industry and should, therefore, have set industry standards like any other industry would.

Please consider my support and approve the proposed regulations for puppy mills in Pennsylvania and continue to make this an ongoing effort in legislation in the future. It is time that the owners of these operations are held accountable in their business practices. I also ask that shelters and foster homes be exempt from the kennel expansion and exercise requirements and have separate performance standards appropriate for these settings.

Sincerely,



Christine Tobin