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Dear Ms. Bender,

I read the article, "Who's Watching Out for Me?" in the Allentown Morning Call. Yes, Gov. Ed Rendell **must** get tougher with the problems of puppy mills and kennels in our state.

There were two experiences I had looking for Chihuahuas for our family. My first experience was with Wentz Kennels in Fogelsville, PA. After visiting the kennel I immediately called the local SPCA who forwarded me to the local inspector. The kennel was filthy, along with the dogs. Feces covered their paws, bottom of the pens and cages. My hands had such an awful odor after petting a few of the puppies, I decided I had to call to report the conditions.

My second experience was with Almost Heaven Breeders in Emmaus, PA. I was not allowed to see the puppies available. The woman brought out puppy by puppy, as I asked what was available. The puppies had been sprayed with some sort of sanitizer, as their coats were matted, yet smelled deodorized. The foyer area was disgustingly dirty. Dog hair, dirt, soda cans, etc. littered the area. A poor dog in an unseen kennel to the right of the desk cried the whole time I was there. It was pitiful. I did not call and report this kennel, as I should have.

I am an elementary school teacher in the Allentown School District and want to know if there is anything that I can do, the school, or school district as a whole to help make the laws tougher against cruelty to animals? We would be a large, heard voice.

I would like information on becoming a warden as well. It appears as though a change needs to be made in that department too. My passion is not only to

keep every child safe that I come in contact with through teaching, but also to insure that every animal has the right to a humane, loving life. Our four Chihuahuas are our "kids". They are treated with utmost respect and love. Our Vet even stated that our "brood" is a welcome treat when one has to come for a check-up, as they await the kisses and licks.

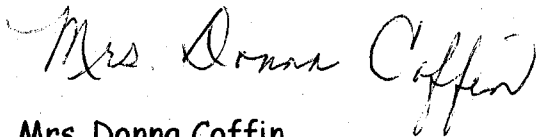
Just like a child is not born "bad", neither is an animal. It is their environment that causes these unfortunate changes to occur.

Please pass this letter on to anyone in the House and Senate Rural Affairs Committees that would need more evidence against these breeders and/or kennels. I am willing to testify if necessary. Let's get tough and remove the licenses of habitual law breakers.

Again, I would like any information concerning the requirements to become a dog warden in the state of Pennsylvania.

Thank you for your dedication to man's best friend.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mrs. Donna Coffin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and address.

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