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March 11, 2007

Ms. Mary Bender  
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Dear Ms. Bender,

I'm writing in regards to the newly proposed dog laws-  
Sec. 21.14 (3) Rescue Groups should be exempt from this provision  
Sec. 21.23; 21.25 through 21.29- I strongly encourage passing and enforcing

That these dogs living and breeding in puppy mills are trapped in deplorable conditions is well documented. These breeding kennels have dogs living in cages that are just barely big enough to allow them to turn around. They get no exercise, no attention, no affection, and exist on sub standard diets. Many of these dogs live in filth. With the current laws, it is permissible to "house" two midsize to large dogs( labrador retrievers, golden retrievers) in a four by four pen. Imagine living in a four by four pen. The over breeding also illustrates the lack of understanding by the breeders.

Dogs should not be under the Department of Agriculture. Dogs are companion animals. The ways in which they help humans is unlimited. Aside from the trained service dogs, we have the "everyday" dog that serves so many purposes in a family. Dogs give unlimited love and devotion in return for a bit of attention and decent care. They are not chickens, or lambs, or cows, or pigs. They are companion animals.

We realize that the Department of Agriculture gains revenue from this awful practice, but surely some solution can be found to this aspect of the equation.

More inspection officers are also needed, and townships should have the right to appoint their own dog wardens. Volunteer dog inspectors, appointed by the township, is an inexpensive , and possible solution.

The attached sheet is but a small sampling of people who want this law passed.

**Simply put, it is time to do the right thing.**

Sincerely,  
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We, the undersigned, are writing in regards to the proposed new dog laws.

**Sec. 21.14(3)- Rescue Groups, which spay and neuter the dogs, and are basically non-profit, should be exempt from this provision**

**Sec. 21.23; 21.25 through 21.29- We strongly encourage passing and enforcing.**

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