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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY  
REVIEW COMMISSION

Dear Sir:

With regards to the new proposed Dog Law, I respectfully ask you to go beyond the recommended limitations and to support a **comprehensive Moratorium on dog breeding in the State of Pennsylvania.**

Until such time as each and every adoptable dog currently held in shelters, rescues and humane organizations has found a suitable home, and as long as the nation puts 8-12 million companion dogs to death each year, we as a society must find the courage to put companion dog's welfare before the monetary profits and egos of breeders, small and large. Once the overpopulation of companion dogs has abated, limited, small-scale breeding may be reconsidered.

It behooves you as a regulatory body to steer the lawmakers toward enlightened regulations that elevate the reputation of Pennsylvania. To approve a status quo with regard to the unethical mass breeding of dogs, a fact that has besmirched this State for a very long time is tantamount to complicity with the worst of the dog factory operators who churn out puppies in this Commonwealth.

When we cease to be blind to the shamefulness of this business, and have the courage to stand up for what is ethical – not what is profitable at the expense of man's best friend - we will serve as examples to our children that they too can respect all living creatures without prejudice.

I thank you for including my concerns on the balance sheet of your decision-making process.

Respectfully,



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