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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

Re: Proposed Pennsylvania Dog Regulations

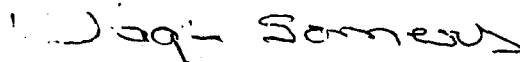
Dear Ms. Bender:

Although I wholeheartedly support new laws regulating "puppy mills" and kennels that are abusive to animals, I have a grave concern with the proposed new regulations as they shall relate to sporting kennels if passed as proposed. These new regulations would impose an impossible burden on kennels housing hounds used for the sport of chasing fox and hare.

I have hunted with hounds for fifty years. Like most persons who hunt with hounds I am a supporter of open space and conservation. My husband and I own 54 acres of land in Chester County and permit all types of legal hunting on our property. Foxhunters, particularly, support the agriculture communities in southeastern Pennsylvania and our economy depends on them.

I sincerely hope that serious consideration will be given to structuring the new laws so as to not burden kennels used for sporting hounds as well as activities of organized hunts.

Sincerely,



Virginia Devaney Somers