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Dear Mary Bender:

I would like to ask that the proposed changes to kennel regulations be reconsider for the following reasons:

There is no pressing reason to regulate the thousands of small hobby and show breeders by requiring them to become licensed and to comply with regulations more appropriate for large commercial kennels. These small breeders are providing quality puppies and dogs for the public which are well socialized in a family setting.

Most small breeders with dogs in their homes are not covered by present Pennsylvania dog law. These people provide care and management of their dogs that is far superior to the care required by the new proposals. If these regulations were put in place, these small breeders would not be able to meet the rigid requirements for commercial kennels.

Small hobby breeders do a good job of screening future owners, so that their dogs are more likely to stay in their new home. In the event that becomes impossible for various reasons, these small hobby breeders often take back their animals and re-home them successfully.

We have recently bought two dogs from a reputable breeder in Lancaster PA and they went the "extra mile" to make sure we were a good home for their dogs, and we made sure thru research, that we were getting quality dogs. We are so pleased with the dogs that we were able to purchase. We would be unable to get such quality dogs if small hobby breeders would be put out of business with these new regulations.

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