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

Dear Ms. Bender:

As a registered and active voter in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I am writing to let you know that I support the proposed kennel regulations and I hope that my state legislators will support these regulations, too.

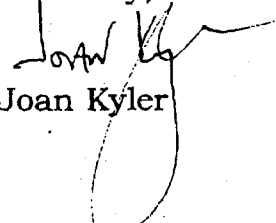
If these proposed regulations cause any increased costs for dog breeders, I hope that my legislators will not be swayed. There should be no 'cost effectiveness' considered when the health and welfare of a living creature is concerned.

Reputable breeders already meet the proposed criteria because they care about the dogs they raise. These regulations are aimed at the 'quantity over quality' breeders who are strictly for profit. Everyone suffers from this type of breeding: the dogs living their lives as breeding 'units' in physically and emotionally cruel conditions, and prospective buyers of those dogs who often get sick or psychologically impaired dogs.

I do think there should be exemptions ONLY for nonprofit animal shelters and foster homes, where dogs are held for short periods of time and are held for the animal's welfare, not for profit.

I am ashamed that my state has allowed 'puppy mills' to prosper. It's time to regulate these facilities and hold our heads up as a civilized and humane place.

Sincerely,



Joan Kyler

cc: Sen. Vincent Fumo
Rep. Michael O'Brien