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Dear Mary Bender:

As a resident of PA and active dog owner and member of a Hunt club and I'm concerned about the methods of formulating the new kennel laws.

Actual dog breeders were not able to give input into these proposed regulations, but animal rights oriented individuals were invited to provide input. This means those with actual experience were unable to contribute valuable information into the decision making process.

It doesn't make sense to apply commercial facility standards to those who keep dogs in their homes and raise puppies there. It is very likely that requiring commercial standards for home breeders will lower the quality of handling for home-raised dogs.

The new requirements for the space and exercise for dogs are not based on accepted husbandry standards or scientific research.

Requiring burdensome record keeping by dog breeders will not improve the health and welfare of the dogs, but will add time consuming activities to kennel owners and dog breeders.

While its laudable to protect animals from neglect or abuse, if the laws are crafted in an atmosphere of ignorance, they will cause more harm than good.

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.

Dog breed clubs contribute to the education of the public with regard to

proper care and handling of dogs and provide information about the different breeds of dogs so that new owners can make a more informed choice. Breed clubs also provide dog training classes open to the public.

Please add stakeholders to all future Dog Advisory Boards.

Sincerely,

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