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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement  
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender  
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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY  
REVIEW COMMISSION

Dear Ms. Bender:

I have recently heard of the proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania dog law regulation issued on December 16, 2006. I work with hounds and clean the kennels everyday. I know what it is to keep a kennel up to standards. I have studied cleaning soaps and keep everything in the kennels clean every rack; shovel is scrubbed clean every time it is used. Why put more rules and regulation to kennels already doing everything they can with the present rules? The problems are the ones to keep dirty kennels will keep doing it because your department members do not do there jobs correct. That is the problem.

Putting more rules on those kennels that do pass inspection is not going to correct the violators who get away with faulty inspectors. That is the problem in a nutshell.

The current proposal appears to be merely a laundry list of ideas for improving the environment for dogs that has no connection to specific instances in which the welfare of dogs could not be secured, and no basis in science or accepted canine husbandry practices. The puppy mills will go underground and go on. While the rest of the tax payers who keep kennel standards up and dogs are healthy and happy.

I urge that this proposal be withdrawn for the tax paying good standing kennel and dog owners of Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

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