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Hi Mr.Cocodrilli,

I am writing to you because I am a very concerned dog lover! I have had many dogs in my life, a couple of which I actually purchased from pet shops. I had no idea about puppy mills and how HORRIBLE the conditions and the treatment of these poor dogs was. I like many other people I'm sure, just felt so sorry for the poor little puppy in the little cage at the pet store I just wanted to give him a wonderful home. Unfortunately, there was then the "replacement" to take their spot. These dogs have been wonderful little companions, but with many, many problems!!! I now will only adopt unwanted dogs- and I have had a few that have been breeding ones. It is of course very expensive to take care of these dogs, but I do it because I love them so much. They have been so scarred by their experiences kept in deplorable conditions- it is heartbreaking, especially so because they are after all- "mans best friend".

I am really pleased with Ed Rendells efforts so far (along with everyone I know!). We need to keep the good work continuing. In particular, giving help to all non- profit groups who are trying to save these abused unwanted animals. They should have SIGNIFICANT input in forming any new regulations being enacted by the dog law advisory board!! I think that a good majority of caring people just still don't have any clue about that "cute doggy in the window"- we need more education about puppy mills available- they need to be shut down forever and the owners of these "hidden away" shameful puppy mills harshly penalized!

Thank you for your concern and your time!  
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