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Subject: Pennsylvania Proposed Changes to Kennel Regulations

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Dear Mary Bender:

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.

Failure to require reasonable cage space in humane society kennels doesn't make sense. Dogs housed at shelters and humane societies also deserve reasonable cage space.

Regulations to keep dogs off grass do not make sense. Most home-based and small breeders put their dogs outdoors into a fenced yard for exercise and play. Keeping dogs off grass would prohibit these people from allowing their dogs into the yard. Common sense dictates that such a requirement will not improve dog welfare.

Responsible hobby breeders are raising wonderful healthy puppies and dogs which go to homes where they become loved family members. These responsible hobby breeders would be negatively impacted by the proposed regulations. They would have to change the way they presently keep, breed and raise their animals. Keeping their animals in their homes allows the animals to be well socialized into a family situation and allows the puppies to transition much more easily into their new homes. Eliminating these small hobby breeders would do a disservice to the people of Pennsylvania who want a good family dog.

Please see that these proposed regulations are re-visited with the purpose of amending the unreasonable requirements and thereby improve the health and welfare of dogs in Pennsylvania.

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Sincerely,

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