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Dear Mr. Coccodrilli:

Let me tell you about Fred ... Fred is a shepherd puppy found on the streets of Philadelphia - with a deformed leg. After much surgery and therapy, he is now the light of my life, and a playful, happy puppy. While it is unknown exactly what caused this situation in Fred, it is not beyond reason that he was the result of bad breeding in Pennsylvania.

I am writing to you in reference to stopping the Pennsylvania Puppy Mills that plague our state. These poor, helpless animals are treated cruelly and forced to live in the most inhumane conditions. What does Mary Bender do for their defense ... absolutely nothing!!! The recent article in the Allentown Morning Call outlines the lack of attention this State gives to this urgent situation. Pennsylvania needs to enforce the laws for breeders who are given a free ride to make a buck while giving no care or justice to these animals. Mary Bender's office has done a terrible - horrible - job in making this situation right.

I am pleading with you to crack down and TAKE ACTION. I challenge you to visit the many shelters currently housing homeless animals, and I challenge you to listen and more importantly ACT to set better laws that are ENFORCED to stop the suffering of innocent animals. Clearly, Ms. Bender is in the totally wrong job, and I implore you to be the voice to change the substandard practices in Pennsylvania.

That said, the dog laws that apply to kennels should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups - especially non-kennel-based rescue groups and fosters. These groups are truly life-savers to the dogs given up by their families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices.

Furthermore, representatives from animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interest of the animals while forming these regulations!

Thank you in advance for helping to make a difference!

Sincerely,
Kelly Wallace
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