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Message = I support the regulatory changes to the commercial dog regulations submitted by the Coalition Against Misery. The draft regulations that were recently released by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture do not adequately address the issues of heat/cold management, cage conditions size protection from full sunlight and openness to winter winds, and humane breeding practices. This would mean the dogs would be given room to run around; clean bedding to lay on, and separate whelping areas where the bitches can birth their pups inside where there are people to oversee whelping.

Every kennel must be required to have a visible, safe source of heat and air-conditioning. Additionally, the regulations should limit the number of dogs that can be kept in one cage. And finally, we ask that you include breeding regulations consistent with those established by reputable breed clubs.

Please take steps to ensure that the new regulations provide humane conditions for the dogs.

Thank you