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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 temperature control, cage conditions and humane breeding practices.

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.

I have co-founded an animal rescue org. here in St. George, Utah, called PAWS (Providing Animals with Support) and we are regularly faced with the horrors of puppy mill casts off when they have fulfilled their job and can not continue making money for the breeders. They are either left along side a road or dumped at the shelters. Puppy mills need so many changes and regulations to protect these animals. I know for a fact that so many of these mills are on Amish property and they just pump them out as fast as they can get them out of the mothers. Please do not let any of these mills continue without inspections and constant follow ups. Keep them warm in winter and cool in summers and provide adequate size kennels and exercise for all of the animals. This is an outrage in this country to allow these voiceless creatures to continue to be abused and neglected just so these owners can make money.

Thank you,
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