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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.

This issue is so important to me, that I have suspended the regular trips my family used to make to the Pennsylvania Amish country. We just cannot support a state that has so little regard for the way animals are treated. While Pennsylvania has made some progress in this regard, many communities across the country are watching to see if the State will go the distance. It is my fervent prayer that Pennsylvania will become a model for humane changes.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully, Cheryl Cooper