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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.

As far as we are concerned, these minimal standards that are being requested by the Coalition Against Misery don't go far enough. Every dog should have the opportunity to breathe fresh air every day, and to have adequate exercise. Imagine yourself in a substandard prison for all of your life without even the hour of exercise afforded most incarcerated prisoners. Imagine yourself being falsely imprisoned in these retched circumstances. This is the fate of these poor, innocent animals. These conditions represent greed at it's absolute worst and gives your area of the world a very ugly black eye.

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

Thank you