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Hello-

First let me thank you for serving.

I live in East Manchester Township, and have lived in Pennsylvania for just over 3 years. I am a dog fancier, participate in dog "rescue", and have worked in several pet-related capacities, including as the manager of a small animal shelter (Maine).

I have reviewed the existing Dog Law and the proposed changes in full. I note that the recent situation in the Chambersburg area (Cindy & Timothy Keller, 63 dogs, a "puppy mill") is adequately covered by the existing Dog Law. Had there been an inspection (and subsequent enforcement of violations) of this kennel, it would not have passed—I challenge any inspector to prove to me that it could under the current Dog Law.

I was at the location for the 2nd half of the seizure (and it was a seizure, the dog warden said he had a warrant, though the Keller's did "cooperate" by signing ownership over to CVAS). This was not a hoarding situation, it was a multi-breed kennel. My group took 18 of the dogs. I have a vested interest in seeing the Dog Law enforced.

Situations such as the Keller kennel seizure can be mitigated by enforcement of the *current* Dog Law. The *proposed* changes would put many suitable kennels & fanciers in violation. (Grand-fathering in existing kennels defeats the purpose of changes.) One provision would make it a violation to feed dogs on paper plates...this is bizarre.

Please do not support the proposed changes to the Dog Law. Increased enforcement of the current Dog Law is what is needed. The proposed changes come across as animal-rights-driven. If my legislators are taking that side (animal rights, vs animal welfare), I must vote them out.

Thank you,

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