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Message = To whom it may concern,

I have been involved with caring for companion animals (as well as wildlife) all of my life. I have countless hours of volunteer work with animals in kennels. I have Vet.Tech. training and experience, not only in physical care, but also behavioral, and emotional.

I have seen physical problems occur to these animals, as well as emotional even in the best of kennels. The dogs in kennels that are not supplied with heat and air conditioning, adequate cage conditions without over crowding, hands on human companionship, and poor husbandry do not stand a chance of surviving.

I have seen many innocent, beautiful animals die at the hands of humans that should, and could have been prevented if better conditions were available to them. I beg anyone within the power of political office, or in Agricultural Departments to use these privilege bestowed upon them to make mature, responsible decisions for the lives of these homeless animals.

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.

Thank you,
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