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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.

What I find amazing, is that the Costa Ricans are enacting laws AGAINST puppy mills. How can a developing nation be so far in advance of Pennsylvania.

Not only do you allow these animals to suffer terribly, but by allowing them to exist, especially in inhumane and substandard facilities, you add to the overpopulation of dogs that is costing tax payers an arm and a leg. Why don't you try spending a few weeks standing on a windy, snowy, below zero temperature corner and see how you feel - you might even freeze to death. I can't believe that you would hesitate to pass the strongest bill you could to protect these poor innocent animals!

Thank you