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Message = As a concerned citizen, I am writing to comment on the draft regulations that were recently released by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. While it is hopeful that the horrors of puppy mills are being seriously examined, the recent draft regulations still fail to address a few very important issues.

These include:

- 1) Temperature control
- 2) Cage conditions
- 3) Humane breeding practices

Every kennel must be required to have a visible, safe source of heat and air-conditioning.

Additionally, along with assuring a constant source of fresh, clean water, and proper nutrition available at all times to puppies and adult dogs—the regulations should also limit the number of dogs that can be kept in one cage to a reasonable and humane number, providing enough space for the animals to be comfortable.

Lastly, breeding regulations should be established, AND reinforced. Regulations should be consistent with those established by reputable breed clubs, providing HUMANE guidelines that will protect the mother dog's health and welfare.

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

Thank you for seriously considering these comments.