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Message = I STRONGLY 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.

These changes to protect the dogs have been far too long in coming. The lack of interest in the welfare of defenseless animals and utter lack of compassion in the PA political bureaucracy is painfully evident. PA could become a model of enlightened animal welfare standards for the whole country to follow instead of the sorry backwater of politically condoned animal abuse that it currently is.

Please think of the uncounted thousands of dogs that suffer in miserable conditions every day, and the hundreds, even thousands that die horrible deaths in the mills. Every day. Put a stop to it. Now. Do what is right, not what is convenient or "best for the bottom line" of those who profit from animal abuse.

Thank you,

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