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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.

I would like to add that I am a veterinary technician in Wisconsin. We have groups in our area that rescue puppy mill breeding dogs and puppies from Pennsylvania. These dogs arrive unsocialized, malnourished, and often times injured. They are pitiful shells of creatures that were fortunate enough to have been rescued. The problem of puppy mills and the poor conditions the dogs are kept in reaches across the borders of Pennsylvania.

Thank you
Shawn Murphy