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Mr. Arthur Coccodrilli
Chairman of the Independent Regulatory Review Committee (IRRC)
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

Dear Mr. Arthur Coccodrilli:

I feel the need to comment on the proposed Dog Law Regulations concerning kennel regulations.

I volunteer with a non-profit animal rescue. While I understand why harsher rules and regulations are extremely necessary for puppy mills, Non-profit Animal Welfare and Rescue Organizations should remain exempt from such stipulations and regulations. These organizations are put in place to SAVE animals from certain death. In some cases, the animals that are saved are taken from high-kill shelters that might even initially receive puppies from the "infamous" puppy-mills. If it was not for what all these volunteers and fosters do, the dogs and puppies that were able to be placed, because of these rescues, would have been put to death. If these new rules and regulations were to include the Non-profit Rescues, there would be a larger number of dogs and puppies that would lose their lives and not given a chance to have a happy home. These fosters dedicate so much to each and every dog/puppy that comes to them. They do not house them in cold kennels, they take care of them in their homes and give them the love they need to thrive.

In summation (for consideration):

1. The proposed Dog Law Regulations, involving kennels, should **exempt all Non-profit Animal Rescues and Animal Welfare Organizations** (this is extremely important in helping to save lives)
2. Individuals from these organizations should be included on the **Dog Law Advisory Board** so their interests and comments are heard and included when regulations and/or stipulations are formed. This helps with the understanding of what they do and what they try to accomplish when it comes to the interests of the animals.

Sincerely,


Kimberly Olewiler

cc: Mary Bender/Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement