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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.

This year I fostered a 9 year old Chihuahua that came from a puppy mill in Missouri. Imagine - living 9 years in a wire cage with no medical care, a heart murmur, infected ears, splayed feet from the wire, a permanent cough, no socialization - this was one terrified & sick little dog when I got him. After investing in his medical bills and so much time trying to give this little guy a "normal" life I decided to adopt him. This poor guy has had such a sad life. Please help to make the changes, so that other dogs can be spared at least some of the misery that comes of over-breeding for money.

Thank you,  
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