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Message = I am currently fostering two dachshunds who were removed from a Sanford, NC puppy mill. They have been with us since April of 2005 and are still awaiting freedom with the news that the appeals have gone in their favor. These very sweet dogs lived for years in steel cages stacked atop one another with minimal shelter, no climate control, filthy conditions and were only ever removed from the cages to breed, which was done twice a year from the time they were six months old. This is not a life any compassionate human being should sanction for another living, feeling creature. Please do not allow these kinds of conditions to exist for man's best friend in Pennsylvania.

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.

Thank you