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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 have worked with rescue dogs for a while. I have two in my home right now who were kept in cages for two years, never allowed out to play. They're both so afraid of everything, wary of being touched, and alarmed even by the sight of a crate. Please don't let dogs suffer in PA. I see how my dogs shiver just going for a walk when it's cold. I can't imagine leaving them out there.

Thank you