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Dept. of Agriculture
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C/o Mary Bender
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Dear Ms. Bender,

As registered voters in Pennsylvania we are writing in support of legislation and enforcement of better treatment for animals in "puppy mills." In a state that for centuries has supported the humanity and dignity of the person, why not the animal? We believe that the true mark of a civilized culture is how we treat those "lesser" than us, those weaker than ourselves. . In short, all living creatures should be treated with dignity. How can we call ourselves civilized if we treat animals with cruelty or allow others to? Do so?

For years Pennsylvanians have spoken out against the cruel treatment the poor creatures are receiving in the "puppy mills," and even many of the animal shelters. It's time to listen and to act. It's time to end the unnecessary suffering that these innocent victims must oftentimes endure by updating kennel regulations which inspects commercial breeding operations by:

- allowing dogs to have more space to move
- insist on cleaner conditions to cut spread of fleas, ticks, kennel cough and other "cramped quarter" conditions
- provide better protection from the elements (from the cold when it is under 50 Degrees; from the heat when it is over 80 degrees).
- time daily outside of cages for exercise
- denial of kennel licenses to individuals convicted of animal cruelty

We are supporters of the Humane Society of the United States and their initiatives to stop cruel and inhumane treatment of animals worldwide. However as lovers of all animals it really hits home when your own state is regarded as the "Puppy Mill Capital of the East." We must do better and do it now.

Sincerely,

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