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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.

It is sad to think that while we are sitting in our warm homes debating these rules poor innocent animals are suffering and freezing to death. It breaks my heart that they have to wait til march to be rescued from these horrible conditions.

I am glad something is being done to clarify the regulations, but lets make sure they are fully and clearly understood so no animal has to suffer to provide a livelihood for someone.

Thank you