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Message = Morley, our dear boy, was rescued from a Mt. Joy, Pennsylvania, Puppymill -- the case was in the courts for over a year -- Carr/Swayne, at which point they surrendered the dogs. We fostered Morley for one year and were then able to adopt. When he arrived, he was in terrible health both physically and emotionally, undernourished and a sad sight indeed. Some of the emotional trauma remains today. The dogs in the mills are suffering a terrible life, and it makes me so sad to think that our Morley could have spent an entire life in an unlighted and unventilated dark, smelly basement of a barn for his entire life cramped in a cage with multiple other dogs had he not been rescued. The unfortunate dogs that do not get rescued need our help and support. Therefore, 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