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Dear Mrs Bender:

I would like to voice my support of new more humane regulations for commercial kennels and breeders in PA. I feel the more stringent the regulations, the fewer breeders, fewer dogs, fewer strays & therefore fewer animals euthanized in our shelters. Three to four million animals were euthanized last year. In my opinion, this is unacceptable. Too many dogs are being bred in order to get the "best" and to make money. What happens to the "rejects" - I believe you will find many in our shelters OR being "back yard-bred" (whose progeny meet the same fate).

Puppy mills with their unacceptable conditions, need to be shut down. Dogs are not commodities - they are living beings, meant to enjoy life. We are their companions and protectors and we are not doing our job.

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