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Ms. Mary Bender
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Re: Puppy Mill Regulation

Dear Ms. Bender:

I recently read an article in the Staten Island Advance about a wonderful organization called No More Tears Rescue. It was about the deplorable conditions animals are living in at these puppy mills in your state. My family will never again visit Pennsylvania unless changes are made to protect these beautiful animals from the horrible people who just breed them to make a profit. These animals are creatures that just want to love you and be there for their family. They feel pain and should not suffer just so someone could make a dollar.

When I saw photos on the website I was in tears. I am right now as I write this letter to you. It also hurts me that I will not visit your beautiful state anymore and will tell anyone I know who is an animal lover to do the same. We will boycott Pennsylvania until I learn that changes have been made to protect theses beautiful creatures. My family has enjoyed visiting Dorney Park and Hershey for the past few years but I can't in good conscience do it anymore knowing that this is allowed in your state. What is so ironic is that Dorney advertises Camp Snoopy for the little ones since Snoopy is the most beloved dog in America and somewhere a real Beagle is being tortured and abused by someone in your state.

I 100% support legislation to regulate these puppy mills and support the detailed comments submitted by the Humane Society of the United States. I hope that you can put an end to this abuse and encourage

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your fellow Pennsylvanians to adopt a pet from a shelter or from a rescue group instead of spending hundreds of dollars for these puppies and lining the pockets of these horrible people. Maybe if more people adopt, we could put some of these people out of business.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman

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