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**Subject:** Stop legislating suffering

To my legislators:

Mahatma Gandhi said, "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." I wish that our Commonwealth of Pennsylvania could be considered great. Yet, allowing grave suffering to exist in order to bow to a special interest voting group proves how morally bankrupt our state has become. By allowing the tampering of the legislation designed to lessen the suffering of the breeding dogs in puppy mills, you are also revealing your willingness to turn your back on the voters in this state.

I can't imagine that you wish to be a part of legislating the horrific cruelty that takes place in a puppy mill. I think you must just not know the extent. Many argue that wire floors are cleaner. What they are really saying is that if you don't clean the cages at all, wire is cleaner. Dogs suffer by standing on wire. I wish you would do an experiment. Find some wire and then place your hand on it with all your weight for 10 minutes. You will be experiencing pain. Now, imagine living with that pain continually. Dogs' paws hurt so much that they lie down, many never to be able to stand or walk again. A dog in this plight is then unusable and therefore, dispensable and is usually killed. This is sickening to most people.

Should you want to hear another side of this debate before acting on Act 119, I would be happy to discuss this with you. Please, let morality and reason rule the day instead of commercial interests and make Pennsylvania be a place to be proud of.

Sincerely,

Lisa Fischer

Coordinator: Over the Mill Support Group: Helping Rescued Breeder Dogs

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