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Good evening,

I am writing to you regarding an article I received from Main Line Animal Rescue. Please see below. If this article is accurate, this is yet another example of lawmakers seemingly creating laws they have no intention of enforcing. This is a travesty. I have volunteered with a rescue organization and have seen first hand the damage done to these dogs kept by puppy mills or unscrupulous breeders only looking to make a dollar. Animals are not commodities; they are living creatures with feelings and personalities. Please do not let the former inhumane treatment continue unabated. In a perfect world, my time and efforts would not be needed as a volunteer for rescue. I realize there are many other problems facing us today but this particular problem can be drastically reduced, if not eliminated, by regulating the conditions in which these commercial enterprises operate.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider this email.

Sincerely (Hoping for change)

Jennifer Lucas

Abbottstown, PA

Registered Voter

Excerpt from Main Line Animal Rescue article:

"Why is the Rendell Administration supporting the illegal actions of PA's Department of Agriculture? Our new dog law clearly states adult dogs in commercial kennels can no longer be housed on painful wire flooring (solid or slatted only) and every adult dog is required to have unfettered access to an outside exercise run. After four years of promises and after boasting "the toughest dog laws in the country," Governor Rendell and his staff are now refusing to enforce the very law Governor Rendell signed in 2008. Making matters worse, they are attempting to push through regulations which would allow commercial breeders to use 50% wire floors in their dogs' cages. Breeding dogs will once again be forced to stand on painful wire - wire that entraps their legs and causes their feet to become ulcerated and splayed. (see video at the end of this email - mill dog housed on wire unable to walk properly)"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2GY0OV-QBWo>

(Puppy mill dog unable to walk after be housed on painful wire flooring.