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As a firm supporter of the Dog Law legislation, I was appalled to see that the Department of Agriculture was seeking to discredit this LAW by allowing dogs to be on wire flooring. I am also confused as to how and why the Department of Agriculture is doing this. I personally do not believe in puppy mills, but if Pennsylvania is going to allow it to continue, we need to ensure the health and quality of living for these dogs. No dog of any age should be forced to live on wire floors. I've seen arguments that this is more sanitary; however the conditions of these living areas should be the responsibility of the human owner. If these breeders choose to be in this line of business then they need to work around the clock to make sure that their "merchandise" is in the best condition, even if it means cleaning out a cage a few times a day. Also, the proven negative effects that these wire floors have on these innocent dogs should be reason enough to not allow them.

Allowing these changes in the regulations is definitely taking a step back and undermining all the hard work and dedication that went into enacting the Dog Law. These dogs do not ask to live in painful cages. They do not ask to be forced to breed. The least we can do is make their too-short lives as comfortable as possible.

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