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To my legislators:

My name is Lucille Pileggi and I am a resident of PA. As the owner of four puppy mill survivors and a volunteer at an animal rescue, I have witnessed first hand some of the horrors that are created from a life in a puppy mill. Yesterday, my 3 year old Westie who was rescued about a year ago from a Lancaster puppy mill had 16 of his teeth pulled. I was told that chewing on the wires on his cage caused nerve damage to his teeth and that coupled with poor nutrition created his dental issues. He is just 3 years old and he has lost 40% of his teeth because he was unfortunate enough to spend the first two years of his life in a puppy mill.

I am shocked and saddened to hear of the proposed changes to the law regarding wire flooring in cages and no access to exercise for pregnant and nursing mothers. Two of my dogs have splayed feet from living on wire flooring. Living on a wire floor is painful and causes permanent damage to the dog's feet.

While I am very grateful that my pack has a second chance at life, I am very concerned about all the dogs who are still forced to live in a puppy mill. They are living creatures and they are entitled to live their lives in humane conditions. Please keep this in mind when you review the proposed changes to the law.

Sincerely,

Lucille Pileggi
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