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To Whom it May Concern,

I am a voting resident of the state of Pennsylvania. I recently became aware of the "changes" being made to Act 119 and am appalled at all of you. How can you possible justify enacting exceptions to a LAW put into place, finally, to protect dogs in commercial breeding facilities? These animals are sentenced to live out there lives for the profit of others while their offspring often fare no better turning up at overpopulated shelters. This "business" is reprehensible to begin with but while you allow these business owners to cut corners to save costs it is the animals that pay the price. I had hoped this administration would make a genuine effort to make Pennsylvania a state to look at and admire for it's treatment of animals but yet again, I am disappointed at career politicians who make it their business to look the other way while asserting they are "helping".

Have any of you actually toured these facilities? Have you ever seen the damage done by wire flooring first hand? And how can you possible believe that the people who run these facilities will CARRY dogs out to relieve themselves when they are not willing to provide space for the animal to do what it's instincts dictate?

I understand that people in this country are given the freedom to choose a livelihood and for now commercial breeding is still "acceptable", however it is a sad commentary on the conscience of this country that reprehensible practices are tolerated and even supported by people who have the power to enact change. Animals are thinking, feeling creatures that deserve to be treated in a humane manner. Period. This law was enacted to protect. You have distorted it and made unacceptable exceptions to it. How you sleep at night with a clear conscience escapes me.

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