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Dear Chairman Coccodrilli,

I am writing to you in regards to 7PA Code Chapter 28A. I am asking that you vote "no" to the proposed changes in regulation for Commercial Kennels. I believe that these proposals, if implemented, will not improve the quality of our industry and have a devastating negative impact.

There are in Pennsylvania many professional and quality established facilities. In these rough economic times, the new regulations under this code will add financial pressures to facility owners. Many of these businesses will be forced to close. I believe that if you evaluate the research you will see that many of these regulations are unnecessary.

Schools, restaurants, and even hospitals do not have to adhere to the high minimum standards being proposed by the Department for commercial kennels. The cost factor to bring a kennel, which is already a quality facility, up to these proposed regulations would be exorbitant and in some cases would eliminate any profit that the facility would generate. HVAC engineers have concluded that the maximum costs for kennels comply with the regulations submitted by the Department are only a fraction of the true costs.

I am asking that, based on existing research, you vote "no" to these proposals and resubmit more reasonable and cost efficient regulations.

Sincerely,

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