

Attachment M

Mr. Arthur Coccondrilli, Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
14th Floor, Harrisstown 2
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Dear Chairman Coccondrilli,

My name is Carolyn Zimmerman...My family and I are commercial dog breeders in Pennsylvania.

We have a commercial kennel with 60 dogs...it is a family business and we all enjoy the work.

It is a shame that so many people make the word commercial kennel sound so bad.

When Act 119 passed my husband... family and I had to make a business decision.

Our choice was to go out of business or take a chance and rebuild our kennel.

We took out a loan and rebuilt our kennel.

If these regulations are approved today...My brand new kennel will need major additions...

Before I talk about the changes...I would like to say this.

I know that you are being told that commercial breeders do not care and want to do as little as possible.

I am sorry this is not true. We have proven that we DO CARE.

Please take a look at the pictures.

We feed top of the line Royal Canin dog food-give great health care-And I will tell you our kennel is clean--I mean very, very, clean.

Mind you... we were the first kennel to receive a full compliance report with ACT 119.

We know that socializing and exercising dogs is just as important...and I'll tell you they get plenty of that.

This is my story---I know there are others.

What I am worried about with the regulations mostly is that radiant heat flooring is going to be illegal and I want to quote this "...shall not be utilized as the primary heating or cooling mechanism."

We have radiant heat flooring separated into 5 zones. Even if I turn off the primary enclosed zone ...the walkway is still my primary radiant floor heating system.

I will have to put in a whole new system.

And 2 mechanical systems...why we just don't understand that ...my engineer that designed this said the same thing.

I could go on and on...I know you read all the comments.

Please do not approve these regulations...we would rather wait to have them written to say the right thing correctly. We are ready to talk with the department and let them know what we have done.

I know other dog breeders feel the same way.

Sincerely,

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