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Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman  
Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
333 Market Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli:

As the prime sponsor of House Bill 2525, which was signed into law as Act 119 of 2008, I want to express my support for the Canine Health Board's recommended regulations pertaining to lighting, temperature control, ventilation, humidity and ammonia levels in Pennsylvania's large-scale dog breeding facilities. Act 119 gives the Canine Health Board the authority to implement regulations in these areas to ensure the safety, health and well-being of dogs in breeder kennels, and these regulations should be put into effect as soon as possible.

Already, Pennsylvania has been able to save many dogs, shut down several non-compliant kennels, and improve conditions for thousands of dogs in Pennsylvania because of the health, safety and enforcement provisions in Act 119 that are already in place. Passing the regulations recommended by the Canine Health Board represents the final step in fully implementing Act 119 and finalizing the work that I and others in the General Assembly did – and that thousands of people in Pennsylvania support – to end the suffering and inhumane treatment of dogs throughout Pennsylvania.

Please do not delay any further the relief these dogs have waited so long to receive, and expedite the passage of the regulations as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

James E. Casorio, Jr.  
State Representative  
56<sup>th</sup> Legislative District