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Dear Acting Secretary Redding,,

I am writing to voice my strong support for new commercial kennel regulations that have been proposed by the Canine Health Board. Please approve and implemented them NOW to protect dogs.

I support the proposed regulations because :

inadequate fresh air and extreme temperatures imposed on caged or confined animals is inhumane and disease producing. Currently under state law there is no requirement to protect against this problem. Puppymillers routinely do not provide care unless it is MANDATED BY LAW and ENFORCED. This is an opportunity for lawmakers and voters to improve the basic welfare of companion animals in our society - and improve the reputation of Pennsylvania.

I have taken into my home and rehabilitated Amish puppymill dogs that DO NOT WALK (among other serious problems). Damaged Cavalier King Charles Spaniels with feet sore, splayed and deeply embedded with feces and filth that does not wash off - the result of being forced to stand for years on wire floors in a cage.

This is my suggestion and challenge to you: Before you vote no on the new regulations, bring one of these animals into your home and experience it firsthand. You will have a hard time comprehending the level of cruelty currently imposed on defenseless dogs in PA puppymills.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

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