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Regulations email

Dear Acting Secretary Redding,,

I have seen the conditions in some of these puppy mills. I was bathing a dog that had been rescued from one of them (a "good" one, I was told), and a tooth actually fell out of her mouth. This was a 2.5-pound, 6-year old female who was matted and filthy-- all of her teeth had to be removed. I am writing to wholeheartedly voice my support for the new commercial kennel regulations that have been proposed by the Canine Health Board. I hope they will be approved and implemented as soon as possible in order to protect dogs.

I support the proposed regulations because they will:

1. Implement new standards to provide auxillary ventilation so that the temperature does not exceed 85 degrees. Currently under state law there is no requirement and this leads to dogs suffering in intolerable heat during the summer months. There will be a minimum temperature of 50 degrees.
2. Require that solid floors are used in all commercial kennels, replacing the cruel wire floors that can be used today and constantly cause debilitating injuries to dogs.
3. Implement ventilation requirements that will ensure that fresh air is continually passed throughout the kennels to reduce disease.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

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