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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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Regulations email

Dear Acting Secretary Redding,,

I am writing to voice my support for the new commercial kennel regulations that have been proposed by the Canine Health Board. They need to 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.

The changes all promote HUMANE treatment. What kind of people are we if we don't -- at a minimum -- provide that to these innocent animals?

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

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