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Subject:

**Proposed Canine Health Board Regulations** 

## Ladies and gentlemen:

I am writing to urge you, as members of the Independent Regulatory Review Commission, to support the Canine Health Board's proposed regulations regarding the health and welfare of dogs in commercial breeding facilities. These regulations, which have received unanimous bipartisan support from the members of the Canine Health Board, are badly needed and should be approved and installed immediately. Their strenuous, public enforcement will help remove the stain that now tarnishes Pennsylvania as the "Puppy Mill Capital of the East."

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

## Frank Mercurio

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