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Subject: Puppy Mill legislation

I wanted to write to let you know that I completely support the new regulations for ventilation, lighting, flooring and various other improvements to the living conditions of the dogs kept in these types of facilities.

As a person involved with animal rescue, I have seen firsthand what these awful places do to these animals. I also am the proud parent of a "stud" dog. If you could have seen him when he came out of the mill, there was nothing studlike about him. He weighed 55 lbs, he is a LAB!!!! He was skin and bones and malnourished. I saw every vertebrae in his body and his hip bones were so prominent. He was scared to death and after almost two years, still is fearful of loud noises or strange people.

There is no reason that these animals should live in these places.

Please pass these regulation and ensure the enforcement of all of the new regulations so these animals who are forced to live in these facilities will at least get basic care and the basic necessities of life.

Thank you,
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