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As a Registered Veterinary Technician and Certified Professional Dog Trainer in a neighboring state I am writing to endorse the regulations created and proposed by the Canine Health Board. I want to applaud the board for their excellent work and I hope to see other states, including my own, follow Pennsylvania's lead. I strongly support the changes to the regulations for the following reasons:

1. Pennsylvania's reputation has been tarnished by being branded a "puppy mill" capital which allows dogs to be raised in inhumane conditions. These dogs and puppies often are sold to neighboring states where medical professionals and trainers like myself see the results of these conditions on the mental and physical well being of the animals.
2. These regulations are based in scientific research and on advice provided by scientific experts.
3. These regulations will ensure that any dog who is commercially bred will be given adequate light, heat, ventilation, air quality, flooring, and social exposure and interaction - all essential factors that were OMITTED from the recently enacted dog law. For the first time, commercially bred puppies and dogs will have a guarantee of an environment that will promote - not hinder - behavioral and physical health.
4. It is time that Pennsylvania was a leader in humane care of animals, rather than always appearing in the news for the numerous abuses that occur here. This regulation will ensure humane care.

Thank you for setting an example of how veterinary professionals, industry and animal welfare groups can work together to create positive solutions and change.

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