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I am writing to endorse the regulations created and proposed by the Canine Health Board. As a former Veterinary Technician with an interest in behavior, I also care for the well being of these animals. I strongly support these changes for the following reasons:

- Pennsylvania's reputation has been tarnished by being branded a "puppy mill" capital which allows dogs to be raised in inhumane conditions.
- These regulations are based in scientific research and on advice provided by scientific experts.
- 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, commerciallybred puppies and dogs will have a guarantee of an environment that will promote - not hinder - behavioral and physical health.
- 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. "

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