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Canine Health Board  
 c/o Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture  
 Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement  
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Dear Members of the Canine Health Board,

As a certified professional dog trainer (CPDT-KA), a valedictorian graduate of the San Francisco SPCA Academy for Dog Trainers, the owner of The Cultured Canine, LLC and the New York Small Dogs Examiner for Examiner.com, I am writing to endorse the regulations created and proposed by the Canine Health Board. I strongly support these changes 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.
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.

My own dog was whelped and raised in substandard conditions in a "puppy mill." I know that this is the case because I requested and received via USDA inspection reports for the breeding facility at the time of his gestation, whelping and raising via a FOIA request. The reports were appalling and yet the facility was not shut down. This facility was in Missouri. My dog's veterinary bills (he is now 11 years old), many of which are due to genetic and other issues related to his place of origin, are over \$30,000. This does not take into account his experiences as a sentient being who has suffered from the medical conditions that those bills reflect nor my stress, loss of business income and sadness from his medical problems. Many of these problems could have been avoided by careful genetic planning and proper puppy raising protocols in a healthy environment.

Sincerely,

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