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I am writing in support of the proposed regulations created by the Canine Health Board. I strongly endorse these changes because:

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 and are long overdue.
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 long past time to stop the abuse and neglect of dogs that has long been legal in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,
 Donna Dyer