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Subject: Canine Health Board/Regulations

I am writing to ask your support for the proposed regulations concerning the living conditions of dogs in commercial breeding facilities. These regulations would provide dogs with breathable air, solid floors to walk on and light. Three things that most animals and people take for granted every day.

The dogs that live in these facilities are used to produce puppies that become beloved family pets after they are sold. The puppies are brought into caring homes, taken for walks in the sunlight and fresh air, sleep in their master's bed and become loyal companions. Their parents deserve better than a life of disease and neglect. Seeing only darkness and sitting in urine and feces while they breathe in toxins that will either make them sick or kill them.

If these regulations are passed, consumers will be able to purchase healthy pets to bring home to their families and children. My understanding is that the state will not incur any additional costs enforcing these regulations, and any costs incurred by the commercial kennels will be made up by selling healthier dogs.

Every time I see a puppy I wonder where it's mother and father are. Hopefully one day soon I will know that even though the parents of these puppies are not in a loving home, their quality of life has improved due to these regulations.

Sincerely,
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