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TO: *Pennsylvania Canine Health Board*

In the spirit of Act 119 and the power it grants to the Canine Health Board, I wish to voice my support of the CHB's recommended regulations pertaining to lighting, temperature control, ventilation, control of humidity and ammonia levels and exercise. The regulation of each of these environmental factors will significantly impact the health and welfare of the breeder dogs kept in Pennsylvania's large scale commercial breeding facilities in a positive way and serves to finalize the Act and the work of the General Assembly. It breaks my heart each time I hear or see a story about puppy mills. These innocent creatures are forced to live in the most inhumane conditions with no love or care from the puppy mill owners. They suffer such severe neglect at the hands of these breeders who only care about the almighty dollar and not about the health of these breeder dogs or the puppies they produce. Then when the breeding dogs no longer produce puppies or enough money, they are killed in a number of horrific ways and discarded like garbage! No living, breathing animal should be treated this way! It is time that drastic changes are made to insure that the inhumane, barbaric treatment of these innocent creatures is put to an end now! However, we also need to have each and every puppy mill regularly inspected to insure that any new laws are followed. Perhaps if enough strict rules are put into effect and puppy mills are subjected to regular screenings, it may cause many of these puppy mills to go out of business. Ideally, they all should be shut down, but one by one would be great! As I look into the eyes of my 3 golden retrievers I think how lucky they are to be in a forever home where they are loved and cared for.

Please do not further delay the relief the dogs have waited so long to receive, and expedite the passage of these regulations as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cheryl A. Rupert