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**From:** Kerry Flanagan [mailto:kerry\_flanagan@yahoo.com]  
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**To:** AG, CHBcomments  
**Subject:** Canine Health Board Recommendations

**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.***

***As someone who works in animal welfare and who has visited many commercial kennels, I have seen firsthand some of the conditions these animals have been forced to endure. I have been in commercial kennels on some of the coldest days of the year, and seen newborn puppies struggle to find warmth. Those puppies ended up dying due to the conditions under which they were born. I have been in kennels on sweltering summer days, and seen them panting, desperate for cool water. I've witnessed dogs so stressed out that they endlessly spin in circles due to their lack of exercise. I've walked into kennels where I could barely breathe due to the high ammonia levels.***

***These changes are long overdue. My only regret is that they do not apply to any and all kennels in the state of Pennsylvania. 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,***

***Kerry Flanagan  
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