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From: Hoffer, Rachel [mailto:HOFFERR@etown.edu]
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TO: Pennsylvania Canine Health Board

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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.

My family and I adopted a dog from the humane league who was a rescued puppy mill dog. She has made great progress from our patience with training her, and it has also helped that we have two other dogs whose behavior she mimics. When she first came to us, she was dirty, smelly, and very scared. She is now a happy dog who enjoys napping on the couch, going on walks with our other dogs, and she especially loves her dinner time! Though she is only about 4 years old, all of her teeth were removed by the vet once we adopted her because her teeth were rotted- every single one of them. There is no doubt in my mind that she was severely mistreated. I do NOT want the same conditions that my dog was rescued from to be continuing anywhere else. All animals deserve respect. With that respect comes responsibilities from the owners, like ensuring that the dogs have veterinary care, clean food and water, clean living conditions, a place to exercise, and positive human interaction. All breeders need to remember and honor these basic necessities, or they should not be permitted to continue to run the breeding facility.

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,

Rachel Hoffer