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From: Frey, Melissa A [mailto:FREYM@etown.edu]
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Subject: ACT119

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.

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.

I participated in a puppy mill protest in Lancaster, PA a couple of weeks and I met some dogs that had been adopted from shelters after being rescued from puppy mills, or similar environments. Many of the dogs had mental or physical handicaps, and it was incredibly heart-breaking to see the abuse that these animals had to suffer. Efforts need to be taken to prevent such cruelty, and I applaud the intentions of Act119 and I hope that it is as effective as possible.

Sincerely,

Melissa Frey