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The Pennsylvania SPCA is the largest state-wide organization actively investigating and prosecuting abuse including that which occurs in commercial breeding kennels. We maintain the largest, most effective Humane Law Enforcement operation in the Commonwealth. Our humane officers and veterinarians see the results of the lack of regulations for commercial dog breeders firsthand, and we have been instrumental in closing those with the most egregious complaints filed against them for years. Therefore, we support Act 119 and the power it grants to the Canine Health Board regarding 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.

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