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Dear IRRC Chairman Coccodrilli,

I am very concerned about the proposed changes to Section 28a of the Canine Health Board Standards for Commercial Kennels. I believe that there are vague parts of this proposed legislation that may lead to misinterpretation. This misinterpretation can lead to currently well maintained kennels to falsely accused of illegal actions. Please note the following specific examples.

One of my concerns is contained in Section 28a.2 which calls for mechanical ventilation to be implemented if the temperatures are above 85 degrees. The reality is that newborn puppies cannot maintain their own body temperatures until after 10 to 14 days of age. Supplemental radiant heat or infra red heat lamps are routinely used to create an average air temperature between 90 or 96 degrees Fahrenheit in the whelping area. This provides the best safety, health, and well-being of the young litter of puppies and is essential for their viability and survival. This mandate would create a separate violation for each puppy and mother and for a breeder to watch as puppies would die from hypothermia.

Under Section 28a.3, the lighting requirement of 50 to 80 foot candles is excessive. Actually that intensity could be harmful to the dogs since average home lighting is 12 to 20 foot candles and even commercial lighting is 15 to 30 foot candles. Also if a kennel owner had to create a diurnal light cycle for day and night lighting it would cost over \$18,500. Excessive cost for inhumane lighting would be a ridiculous proposal!

I also believe that in Section 28a.2 the requirement to ensure that particulate matter form such as dander, hair and food is below 10 milligrams per meter cubed is unrealistic. All dog breeders know that puppies love to play in their bedding which is typically wood shavings or shredded paper. It would be impossible to meet the strict requirements of less than 10 milligrams per meter cubed. This is unnecessary stress on owners.

Please consider these concerns and vote against the proposed changes to Section 28a. Kennel owners and legislators strive to make the best regulations to create the best conditions for animals, but I believe these proposed regulations are on the wrong track.

Sincerely,

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Attn: member of Pa Government,

We have closed our kennel as have over 1/2 half the kennels in the State. Why? The regulations & requirements go beyond absurd. And if not met to a -T-, there will be fines.

Lighting, ventilation, flooring, exercise area size, are just a few of the areas that have gone beyond any sensible reasoning. And will be counterproductive for the dogs' wellness. I would not want to put ~~any~~ any dog through such institutional misery, which is why I've chosen to join 100's of others in discontinuing kennel operation, in Pa.

Rest assured, dogs will be purchased by the people of Pa, but most will be imported from other states, or worse yet other countries.

Our government runs around their offices wondering why so little money is coming in, why so many companies are leaving for other countries. IT is not that the people here cannot or will not produce; IT is because, of overzealous regulations & restrictions here, while allowing imports from places/countries without those some Rules & Regs.

Wake up!! Before its Too late.

This State & Country is on a fast track to a total Shipwreck. And it is being brought on by (No, Not the Arabs) but our governments right here. Of which you are a part.

John Aaron Rissler

Dear Sir / Madam,

Have you been made aware, of the fact that almost a whole industry & its support businesses have been shutdown & Left the state of Pennsylvania? All in a Time that PA needed the income from income TAX, Property TAX, etc.

Families have lost, or are losing their homes because of it. And all this was brought about by YOU, Caused - or - Allowed by You. When YOU as a member of our rule making body voted against Common Sense, and the right of the people of Pennsylvania to support themselves, in a worthwhile & clean business, You, listened to a few noise makers & ignored all of your True Tax payers, who PAY Your Wages, and had 1st hand knowledge of what was best for all involved.

But, You allowed or pushed through Legislation that eliminated hundreds of jobs & Billions \$\$\$ of Dollars in Revenue within The State of PA.

IT has not changed How Dgs will be raised, Only where.

Smaller Government like we had back in the Great depression era, would allow this country to rebound, But with imported Food, Tools, everything, and all the business Crushing Regulations being put in effect now will limit this countries rebound.

The new Dog Law & Regulations Have been made & are constantly changing. They are not possible to meet, or - necessary for the well being of Dogs. In fact would be Counter productive, ~~to~~ To the point of making Dogs Less healthy; Dirty, And positively, forbidding on the Financial End.

⊗ Besides if one were to come up to the regulations, as perceived, this would not eliminate the risk of Fines/Citations, due to, all the areas left open for interpretation by the So called SWAT Team who is nothing but a group of ANTI Capitolists.

(Communists!) Under Rendell's watch the laws in this state have been speeding towards communistic control, ~~fast~~ & perversion (GAMBLING) faster than one can keep up with.

So where is your paycheck going to come from? Soon?
For Manufacturing will soon all be gone, FARMERS ARE on the brink of Collapse & with them the remaining manufacturers & support businesses, including banks, feed mills, ^{FARM} dealers, car dealers, service garages, manufacturers & fertilizer & seed Co's, & more, plus All the businesses that these support.

Re Evaluate all your ~~own~~ regulations & restrictions + TAXES, As they are Killing businesses & FARMS, ~~and~~ All while USDA, says we must increase production to feed everyone!

Don't KILL the Dairy industry & Pork & Poultry industry, Like you have the Dog industry.

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