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Wildfire
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To Whom It May Concern,

I appreciate the efforts to ensure the welfare of animals and to prevent irresponsible breeding practices. As a responsible breeder dedicated to raising well-socialized, healthy puppies for both service and family homes, I share the same goal of eliminating unethical breeding operations.

However, I have concerns about the unintended consequences of the proposed measure requiring breeders to undergo inspections and pay an annual fine to operate. Responsible breeders, like myself, already invest significant time, effort, and financial resources into ensuring the health and well-being of our dogs. We follow structured breeding programs, prioritize proper socialization, and provide exceptional care—often far beyond what is legally required.

While the intent behind this measure is commendable, I fear it could disproportionately burden ethical breeders while failing to effectively target the true problem: those operating irresponsibly or illegally. Increased regulatory fees and the risk of subjective inspections could discourage responsible breeding practices, ultimately limiting the availability of well-bred, healthy dogs for families and service needs.

Additionally, the potential for unjust consequences—such as action being taken based on a single complaint—raises concerns about fairness and due process. Ethical breeders should not have to worry that one disgruntled individual, perhaps with no legitimate claim, could jeopardize years of dedication and responsible breeding.

Instead of broad regulations that may harm reputable breeders, I encourage solutions that specifically target unethical and large-scale commercial operations that prioritize profit over animal welfare. Collaborating with experienced breeders and industry experts could help create fair, effective policies that protect animals without negatively impacting those who uphold the highest standards of care.

I would love the opportunity to discuss alternative approaches that address the root issues while ensuring responsible breeders can continue providing well-raised puppies to families and service organizations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Anna Sanders