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Bob Amelung, President  
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Dear Mr. Amelung,

Thank you for demonstrating your product and providing samples of poly extruded matting (PEM) for review. If you study Senate Bill 161 and the rule enhancements that followed, you will find that improved flooring standards were a priority of the new legislation. For instance, wire strand flooring was prohibited for new construction and phased out of existing facilities. Elevated flooring now requires special approval. Finally, dogs housed on elevated flooring must be provided a solid surface on which to lie in a recumbent position.

In order to qualify as a solid resting surface, flooring cannot allow any portion of the dog's feet or toes to pass through, it must protect the animal's feet and legs from injury, and it must be large enough to hold all the occupants of the enclosure at the same time comfortably. I was happy to hear that your research and development for PEM's use in dog kennels was undertaken at a Blue Ribbon Kennel, and I am proud to inform you that PEM matting meets the requirements of a solid resting surface.

With the recent changes in the law, it's important that animal care professionals be provided flooring alternatives that maintain safety and comfort for the dogs. We will keep your samples alongside with those of other manufacturers to exhibit as solid resting surfaces at informational venues.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to call our office at 573-751-3076.

Sincerely,

Matt Rold  
Animal Care Program Coordinator