Congressional Endorsements – Mid-Term Elections

Animal Wellness Action (AWA) is a non-partisan organization promoting legal standards against cruelty and enforcement of our laws to protect animals. Because of its status as a 501(c)(4) organization, the organization can favor and oppose candidates seeking public office. It does so on a non-partisan basis, looking only at their pledges and performance on animal issues and also their political viability. AWA believes that opposing animal cruelty is a universal value, and that candidates and lawmakers of every political persuasion should favor sensible animal welfare policies. Our organization, in the 117th Congress, has initiated 10 new federal policy proposals, including the FDA Modernization Act, the Pigs in Gestation Stalls Act, the Kangaroo Protection Act, the MINKS Act (to ban mink farming in the U.S.), and the LEAD Act (to ban the use of lead ammunition on National Wildlife Refuges). We are also backing legislation that our leaders previously initiated, such as the Animal Cruelty Enforcement Act (to create an Animal Cruelty Crimes section at the Department of Justice), the Prevent All Soring Tactics Act, and the Bear Poaching Elimination Act. And we are strong backers of the Big Cat Public Safety Act and the Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act, along with measures to bar horse slaughter, to protect America’s wild horses and burros, and many other critical reforms.

Our endorsements are bipartisan, and this is a decidedly good thing for the cause of animal protection. We certainly understand that many voters will take into consideration a wider ranging of issues in making a voting decision, but we think the nation needs a group that calls balls and strikes on animal issues only. Our ability to work with lawmakers on both sides of the aisle is especially important in a Congress that is evenly divided by party and that is expected again in 2023 to have similarly close ratios in the House and Senate.

In 2022, there are 21 seats currently held by Republicans and 15 seats held by Democrats up for election. A number of them are open seats, where an incumbent is not running for re-election. All 435 seats in the House are up for re-election, though there are dozens of “open” seats where there is no incumbent running.

CONGRESSIONAL ENDORSEMENTS

**Alabama**

*House:*

2nd Congressional District: Barry Moore (R)
4th Congressional District: Robert Aderholt (R)
7th Congressional District: Terri A. Sewell (D)

**Arizona:**

*U.S. House:*

1st Congressional District: David Schweikert (R)
2nd Congressional District: Tom O’Halleran (D)
3rd Congressional District: Ruben Gallego (D)
4th Congressional District: Greg Stanton (D)
7th Congressional District: Raúl Grijalva (D)

California:
U.S. Senate: Alex Padilla (D)

U.S. House:
2nd Congressional District: Jared Huffman (D)
4th Congressional District: Mike Thompson (D)
6th Congressional District: Ami Bera (D)
7th Congressional District: Doris Matsui (D)
8th Congressional District: John Garamendi (D)
9th Congressional District: Josh Harder (D)
10th Congressional District: Mark DeSaulnier (D)
11th Congressional District: Nancy Pelosi (D)
12th Congressional District: Barbara Lee (D)
14th Congressional District: Eric Swalwell (D)
15th Congressional District: Kevin Mullin (D)
16th Congressional District: Anna G. Eshoo (D)
17th Congressional District: Ro Khanna (D)
18th Congressional District: Zoe Lofgren (D)
19th Congressional District: Jimmy Panetta (D)
20th Congressional District: Kevin McCarthy (R)
21st Congressional District: Jim Costa (D)
22nd Congressional District: David Valadao (R)
24th Congressional District: Salud Carbajal (D)
25th Congressional District: Raul Ruiz (D)
26th Congressional District: Julia Brownley (D)
27th Congressional District: Mike Garcia (R)
28th Congressional District: Judy Chu (D)
29th Congressional District: Tony Cárdenas (D)
30th Congressional District: Adam B. Schiff (D)
31st Congressional District: Grace Napolitano (D)
32nd Congressional District: Brad Sherman (D)
33rd Congressional District: Pete Aguilar (D)
34th Congressional District: Jimmy Gomez (D)
35th Congressional District: Norma J. Torres (D)
36th Congressional District: Ted W. Lieu (D)
38th Congressional District: Linda T. Sánchez (D)
39th Congressional District: Mark Takano (D)
40th Congressional District: Young Kim (R)
41st Congressional District: Ken Calvert (R)
42nd Congressional District: Robert Garcia (D)
43rd Congressional District: Maxine Waters (D)
44th Congressional District: Nanette Barragán (D)
45th Congressional District: Michelle Steel (R)
46th Congressional District: Lou Correa (D)
47th Congressional District: Katie Porter (D)
49th Congressional District: Mike Levin (D)
50th Congressional District: Scott Peters (D)
51st Congressional District: Sara Jacobs (D)
52nd Congressional District: Juan Vargas (D)

**Colorado**

*U.S. Senate:* Michael Bennet (D)

*U.S. House:*
1st Congressional District: Diana DeGette (D)
2nd Congressional District: Joe Neguse (D)
4th Congressional District: Ken Buck (R)
6th Congressional District: Jason Crow (D)
7th Congressional District: Brittany Pettersen (D)

**Connecticut**

*U.S. Senate:* Richard Blumenthal (D)

*U.S. House:*
1st Congressional District: John Larson (D)
2nd Congressional District: Joe Courtney (D)
3rd Congressional District: Rosa DeLauro (D)
4th Congressional District: Jim Himes (D)
5th Congressional District: Jahana Hayes (D)

**Delaware**

*U.S. House:*
At Large: Lisa Blunt Rochester (D)

**Florida**

*U.S. House:*
1st Congressional District: Matt Gaetz (R)
4th Congressional District: John Rutherford (R)
6th Congressional District: Michael Waltz (R)
8th Congressional District: Bill Posey (R)
9th Congressional District: Darren Soto (D)
10th Congressional District: Maxwell Frost (D)
12th Congressional District: Gus Bilirakis (R)
14th Congressional District: Kathy Castor (D)
15th Congressional District: Laurel Lee (R)
16th Congressional District: Vern Buchanan (R)
20th Congressional District: Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (D)
22nd Congressional District: Lois Frankel (D)
23rd Congressional District: Jared Moskowitz (D)
24th Congressional District: Frederica Wilson (D)
25th Congressional District: Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D)
27th Congressional District: Maria Salazar (R)
28th Congressional District: Carlos Gimenez (R)

**Georgia**
*U.S. Senate:* Rafael Warnock (D)
*U.S. House:*
  1st Congressional District: Earl “Buddy” Carter (R)
  2nd Congressional District: Sanford Bishop (D)
  4th Congressional District: Hank Johnson, Jr. (D)
  5th Congressional District: Nikema Williams (D)
  7th Congressional District: Lucy McBath (D)
  13th Congressional District: David Scott (D)

**Hawaii**
*U.S. Senate:* Brian Schatz (D)
*U.S. House:*
  1st Congressional District: Ed Case (D)
  2nd Congressional District: Jill Tokuda (D)

**Idaho**
*U.S. Senate:*
  Mike Crapo (R)

**Illinois**
*U.S. Senate:* Tammy Duckworth (D)
*U.S. House:*
  2nd Congressional District: Robin Kelly (D)
  4th Congressional District: Jesús “Chuy” García (D)
  5th Congressional District: Mike Quigley (D)
  6th Congressional District: Sean Casten (D)
  7th Congressional District: Danny Davis (D)
  8th Congressional District: Raja Krishnamoorthi (D)
  9th Congressional District: Jan Schakowsky (D)
  10th Congressional District: Brad Schneider (D)
  11th Congressional District: Bill Foster (D)
  12th Congressional District: Mike Bost (R)
  13th Congressional District: Nikki Budzinski (D)
  14th Congressional District: Lauren Underwood (D)

**Indiana**
*U.S. House:*
  1st Congressional District: Frank Mrvan (D)
  7th Congressional District: André D. Carson (D)
Iowa

House:
2nd Congressional District: Mariannette Miller-Meeks
3rd Congressional District: Cindy Axne (D)

Kansas

U.S. Senate: Jerry Moran (R)
U.S. House:
3rd Congressional District: Sharice Davids (D)
4th Congressional District: Ron Estes (R)

Kentucky

U.S. Senate: Rand Paul (R)
U.S. House:
2nd Congressional District: Brett Guthrie (R)
3rd Congressional District: Morgan McGarvey (D)
5th Congressional District: Hal Rogers (R)
6th Congressional District: Andy Barr (R)

Louisiana

U.S. Senate: John Kennedy (R)
U.S. House:
1st Congressional District: Steve Scalise (R)
2nd Congressional District: Troy Carter (D)

Maine

U.S. House:
1st Congressional District: Chellie Pingree (D)

Maryland

U.S. Senate: Chris Van Hollen (D)
U.S. House:
2nd Congressional District: Dutch Ruppersberger (D)
3rd Congressional District: John Sarbanes (D)
4th Congressional District: Glenn Ivey (D)
5th Congressional District: Steny H. Hoyer (D)
6th Congressional District: David Trone (D)
7th Congressional District: Kweisi Mfume (D)
8th Congressional District: Jamie Raskin (D)

Massachusetts

U.S. House:
1st Congressional District: Richard E. Neal (D)
2nd Congressional District: James P. McGovern (D)
3rd Congressional District: Lori Trahan (D)
4th Congressional District: Jake Auchincloss (D)
5th Congressional District: Katherine M. Clark (D)
6th Congressional District: Seth Moulton (D)
7th Congressional District: Ayanna Pressley (D)
8th Congressional District: Stephen F. Lynch (D)
9th Congressional District: Bill Keating (D)

Michigan
U.S. House:
3rd Congressional District: Hillary Scholten (D)
6th Congressional District: Debbie Dingell (D)
7th Congressional District: Elissa Slotkin (D)
8th Congressional District: Daniel Kildee (D)
9th Congressional District: Lisa McClain (R)
11th Congressional District: Haley Stevens (D)
12th Congressional District: Rashida Tlaib (D)

Minnesota
U.S. House:
2nd Congressional District: Angie Craig (D)
3rd Congressional District: Dean Phillips (D)
4th Congressional District: Betty McCollum (D)
5th Congressional District: Ilhan Omar (D)

Mississippi
U.S. House:
2nd Congressional District: Bennie G. Thompson (D)

Missouri
U.S. House:
5th Congressional District: Emanuel Cleaver II (D)

Nevada
U.S. Senate:
Catherine Cortez Masto (D)
U.S. House:
1st Congressional District: Dina Titus (D)
3rd Congressional District: Susie Lee (D)
4th Congressional District: Steven Horsford (D)

New Hampshire
U.S. Senate: Maggie Hassan (D)
U.S. House:
1st Congressional District: Chris Pappas (D)
2nd Congressional District: Ann Kuster
New Jersey

*U.S. House:*
1st Congressional District: Donald Norcross (D)
2nd Congressional District: Jeff Van Drew (R)
3rd Congressional District: Andy Kim (D)
4th Congressional District: Chris Smith (R)
5th Congressional District: Josh Gottheimer (D)
6th Congressional District: Frank Pallone Jr. (D)
7th Congressional District: Tom Malinowski (D)
8th Congressional District: Joint endorsement: Tom Malinowski (D), Tom Kean (R)
9th Congressional District: Bill Pascrell (D)
10th Congressional District: Donald Payne Jr. (D)
11th Congressional District: Mikie Sherrill (D)
12th Congressional District: Bonnie Watson Coleman (D)

New York

*U.S. Senate:* Charles Schumer (D)

*U.S. House:*
2nd Congressional District: Andrew Garbarino (R)
5th Congressional District: Gregory Meeks (D)
6th Congressional District: Grace Meng (D)
7th Congressional District: Nydia M. Velázquez (D)
8th Congressional District: Hakeem Jeffries (D)
9th Congressional District: Yvette Clarke (D)
10th Congressional District: Dan Goldman (D)
11th Congressional District: Nicole Malliotakis (R)
12th Congressional District: Jerry Nadler (D)
13th Congressional District: Adriano Espaillat (D)
15th Congressional District: Ritchie Torres (D)
16th Congressional District: Jamaal Bowman (D)
17th Congressional District: Sean Patrick Maloney (D)
20th Congressional District: Paul Tonko (D)
21st Congressional District: Elise Stefanik
22nd Congressional District: Francis Conole (D)
24th Congressional District: Claudia Tenney (R)
25th Congressional District: Joseph Morelle (D)
26th Congressional District: Brian Higgins (D)

New Mexico

*U.S. House:*
1st Congressional District: Melanie Ann Stansburg (D)
2nd Congressional District: Gabe Vasquez (D)
3rd Congressional District: Teresa Leger Fernandez (D)
North Carolina

*U.S. Senate:* Ted Budd (R)

*U.S. House:*
1st Congressional District: Don Davis (D)
2nd Congressional District: Deborah Ross (D)
6th Congressional District: Kathy Manning
10th Congressional District: Patrick McHenry
12th Congressional District: Alma Adams (D)
14th Congressional District: Jeff Jackson (D)

Ohio

*U.S. Senate:* Tim Ryan (D)

*U.S. House:*
1st Congressional District: Steve Chabot (R)
3rd Congressional District: Joyce Beatty (D)
6th Congressional District: Bill Johnson (R)
9th Congressional District: Marcy Kaptur (D)
10th Congressional District: Mike Turner (R)
11th Congressional District: Shontel Brown (D)
14th Congressional District: David Joyce (R)
15th Congressional District: Mike Carey (R)

Oregon

*U.S. Senate:* Ron Wyden (D)

*U.S. House:*
1st Congressional District: Susanne Bonamici
3rd Congressional District: Earl Blumenauer
4th Congressional District: Val Hoyle
6th Congressional District: Andrea Salinas

Pennsylvania

*Senate:* John Fetterman (D)

*U.S. House:*
1st Congressional District: Brian K. Fitzpatrick (R)
2nd Congressional District: Brendan F. Boyle (D)
3rd Congressional District: Dwight Evans (D)
4th Congressional District: Madeleine Dean (D)
5th Congressional District: Mary Gay Scanlon (D)
6th Congressional District: Chrissy Houlahan (D)
7th Congressional District: Susan Wild (D)
9th Congressional District: Dan Meuser (R)
11th Congressional District: Lloyd Smucker (R)
14th Congressional District: Guy Reschenthaler (R)
15th Congressional District: Glenn Thompson (R)
Rhode Island
_U.S. House:_
1\textsuperscript{st} Congressional District: David Cicilline (D)
2\textsuperscript{nd} Congressional District: Seth Magaziner (D)

South Carolina
_U.S. House:_
1\textsuperscript{st} Congressional District: Nancy Mace (R)
6\textsuperscript{th} Congressional District: James Clyburn (D)

South Dakota
_U.S. Senate:_ John Thune (R)

Tennessee
_U.S. House:_
1\textsuperscript{st} Congressional District: Diana Harshbarger (R)
2\textsuperscript{nd} Congressional District: Tim Burchett (R)
9\textsuperscript{th} Congressional District: Steve Cohen (D)

Texas
_U.S. House:_
2\textsuperscript{nd} Congressional District: Dan Crenshaw (R)
4\textsuperscript{th} Congressional District: Pat Fallon (R)
5\textsuperscript{th} Congressional District: Lance Gooden (R)
7\textsuperscript{th} Congressional District: Lizzie Pannill Fletcher (D)
9\textsuperscript{th} Congressional District: Al Green (D)
10\textsuperscript{th} Congressional District: Michael McCaul (R)
12\textsuperscript{th} Congressional District: Kay Granger
16\textsuperscript{th} Congressional District: Veronica Escobar (D)
17\textsuperscript{th} Congressional District: Pete Sessions (R)
18\textsuperscript{th} Congressional District: Sheila Jackson Lee (D)
20\textsuperscript{th} Congressional District: Joaquin Castro (D)
28\textsuperscript{th} Congressional District: Henry Cuellar (D)
29\textsuperscript{th} Congressional District: Sylvia Garcia (D)
32\textsuperscript{nd} Congressional District: Colin Allred (D)
33\textsuperscript{rd} Congressional District: Marc Veasey (D)
34\textsuperscript{th} Congressional District: Vicente Gonzalez Jr. (D)
35\textsuperscript{th} Congressional District: Greg Casar (D)
37\textsuperscript{th} Congressional District: Lloyd Doggett (D)

Utah
_U.S. Senate:_ Mike Lee (R)
_U.S. House:_
3\textsuperscript{rd} Congressional District: John Curtis (R)
Vermont
*Senate:* Peter Welch (D)

Virginia
*U.S. House:*
2nd District: Elaine Luria (D)
3rd District: Robert Scott (D)
4th District: Donald McEachin (D)
7th District: Abigail Spanberger (D)
8th District: Don Beyer Jr. (D)
10th District: Jennifer Wexton (D)
11th District: Gerald Connolly (D)

Washington
*U.S. Senate:* Patty Murray (D)
*U.S. House:*
1st Congressional District: Suzan DelBene (D)
2nd Congressional District: Rick Larsen (D)
5th Congressional District: Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R)
6th Congressional District: Derek Kilmer (D)
7th Congressional District: Pramila Jayapal (D)
8th Congressional District: Kim Schrier (D)
9th Congressional District: Adam Smith (D)
10th Congressional District: Marilyn Strickland (D)

Wisconsin
*Senate:* Mandala Barnes (D)
*House:*
2nd Congressional District: Mark Pocan (D)
4th Congressional District: Gwen Moore (D)
8th Congressional District: Mike Gallagher (R)