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The Honorable Betty McCollum  
De McCollum for Congress  
P.O. Box 14131  
Saint Paul, MN 55114

Dear Congresswoman McCollum,

On behalf of Animal Wellness Action (AWA), a national policy and political organization seeking to enhance and advance legal protections for animals, we are pleased to endorse your re-election campaign for U.S. Congress. Your strong advocacy and leadership on numerous animal welfare issues deserves commendation and warrants our support.

In the 118th Congress, you have been a consistent advocate for animal welfare. You co-sponsored the SAFE Act. We look forward to working with you on other mainstream animal welfare policies in the future as well.

Furthermore, earlier this year you voted against two irresponsible bills the House Republican Leadership brought up on the House floor. First, you opposed legislation that weakened the Endangered Species Act by prematurely delisting gray wolves in the lower 48 states. In addition, you also opposed legislation that would have limited the ability of state and local governments to prohibit the use of lead ammunition on public lands and waterways.

Both of these ill-advised bills barely passed the House of Representatives. Hopefully, they will die in the U.S. Senate. Your commitment to protecting animals by opposing these two measures is much appreciated.

The way we treat animals, as individuals and as a nation, is a measure of our core values and decency as a society. Here at AWA, we fully understand that cruel and callous treatment of animals is typically entangled with other anti-social behaviors that make our neighborhoods and communities less safe for families.

We are grateful for your robust leadership, votes, and strong expressions of support on a wide range of pro-animal welfare policies. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at all at [wayne@animalwellnessaction.org](mailto:wayne@animalwellnessaction.org) or (202) 420-0446. We look forward to working with you in the 119th Congress, which begins in early January.

Sincerely,



Wayne Pacelle  
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Animal Wellness Action