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The Honorable Luz Rivas
Luz Rivas for Congress
P.O. Box 341533
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Dear Assemblywoman Rivas:

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 campaign for U.S. Congress. Your strong advocacy on numerous animal welfare issues deserves commendation and warrants our support.

AWA appreciates the time and energy you spent filling out our Federal Policy Questionnaire. For a new congressional candidate, it speaks to your commitment that you'd complete this review. The AWA Questionnaire is an important part of our candidate endorsement process.

You have preliminarily pledged to support and cosponsor the FIGHT Act (H.R. 2742), the SAFE Act (H.R. 3475) and the Greyhound Protection Act (H.R. 3894), and a wide range of other animal welfare policies. This heartens us, as does your pledge to be a leader in animal welfare policies in the 119th Congress.

AWA is impressed with your strong pro-animal welfare voting record in the California State Assembly. For example, as a member of the Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee, you have voted to strengthen and promote animal welfare, restore wildlife habitats, and promote beaver restoration programs while also working to reduce testing on animals and the use of dangerous pesticides, and prohibiting octopus aquaculture for human consumption. This is an impressive and commendable body of work.

Respect for American democracy and the proper treatment of animals are fundamental values that must be preserved and protected. 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 leadership 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 or (202) 420-0446. We support your election this fall and look forward to working with you in the 119th Congress.

Sincerely,



Wayne Pacelle
President
Animal Wellness Action