

October 9, 2024

The Honorable Chris Pappas
Chris Pappas for Congress
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Manchester, NH 03105

Dear Representative Pappas:

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 FDA Modernization Act 3.0 (H.R. 7248), the SAFE Act (H.R. 3475), and the Greyhound Protection Act (H.R. 3894).

We also want to express our deep appreciation for your leadership in opposing Rep. Lauren Boebert's bill to strip federal protection of gray wolves under the Endangered Species Act. In 2024, you voted against H.R. 764, which would remove those protections and open the door to some states to initiate trophy hunting and commercial trapping programs. Lawmakers should not pander to special interests who want to gut protections for rare species.

AWA is very grateful for your support of provisions in the final FY 2024 appropriations bill for the enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act, Horse Protection Act, Humane Methods of Slaughter Act, and federal anti-animal fighting laws. Your efforts to promote alternatives to animal testing, provide shelter for domestic violence survivors with pets, and address the needs of animals at zoos and other facilities during disasters are invaluable to your constituents and the American people as a whole.

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. At AWA, we fully understand that cruel and callous treatment of animals is typically entangled with other antisocial 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 wayne@animalwellnessaction.org or (202) 420-0446. We support your re-election this fall and look forward to working with you in the 119th Congress.

Sincerely,



Wayne Pacelle
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