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Mr. Derek Tran
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Dear Mr. Tran,

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 election campaign for U.S. Congress.

AWA appreciates the time and energy you spent filling out our Federal Policy Questionnaire. The AWA Questionnaire is an important part of our candidate endorsement process. As a first-time candidate for Congress, it speaks to your commitment that you completed this review.

In filling out our Questionnaire, you have preliminarily pledged to support and co-sponsor the FIGHT Act, the FDA Modernization Act 3.0, the SAFE Act, the MINKS are Superspreaders Act, 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.

The Republican opponent you are facing this year has not taken any action to protect animals or enhance animal welfare or even crack-down on criminals who seek to torture or abuse animals. In the 118th Congress, she has failed to exhibit any leadership at all.

In addition, she cast two especially ill-advised voters this year. First, she voted in support of legislation that weakened the Endangered Species Act by prematurely delisting gray wolves in the lower 48 states. In addition, she also supported legislation to limit the ability of state and local governments to prohibit the use of lead ammunition on public lands and waterways. It is extremely difficult to believe that these two anti-animal welfare votes were in alignment with the views of the voters of California's 45th Congressional District.

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 re-election this fall and look forward to working with you in the 119th Congress.

Sincerely,



Wayne Pacelle
President
Animal Wellness Action