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The Honorable John Mannion
P.O. Box 11131
Syracuse, NY 13218

Dear Senator Mannion,

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.

Since 2021, you have served in the New York State Senate. While in office, your strong advocacy on numerous animal welfare issues deserves commendation and warrants our support.

AWA is especially pleased to see that while serving as a state Senator you supported efforts to stop the pipeline into puppy mills and to prohibit insurance companies from discriminating against different breeds of animals. In addition, you co-sponsored measures to ensure that strict penalties for animal cruelty are enacted, to strengthen the law against animal fighting, as well as to provide higher state funding levels for animal shelters.

In addition, AWA appreciates the strong leadership you demonstrated in the State Senate by cosponsoring and supporting legislation to end inhumane contest hunts. For far too long, the State allowed competitive hunting events to be held in which numerous species of animals – including coyotes, foxes, bobcats, and raccoons – were hunted and killed for cash rewards and prizes. This legislation was enacted late last year and AWA wants to commend you for the role you played in helping to achieve this important animal welfare achievement.

AWA puts a high premium for its endorsements on Congressional candidates who demonstrate strong leadership. While in the New York State Senate, you have met and exceeded this test.

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
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Animal Wellness Action