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The Honorable Nancy Mace
295 Seven Farms Drive, Suite C-186,
Charleston, SC 29492

Dear Congresswoman Mace,

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. You are one of the true leaders on animal welfare in the Congress, co-leading on three critical national policy reforms.

- You are the lead author of the MINKS are Superspreaders Act prohibits the possession, transport, and sale of captively-raised mink for fur production. It is widely known that mink farming poses a very high risk for zoonotic diseases while contributing almost nothing to our domestic economy. Enacting this measure would put a stop an extreme form of factory farming of wild animals and reduce risks of spawning dangerous zoonotic diseases
- You are also the lead author of the bipartisan SAW Act, which is intended to forbid running down and running over wolves on federal lands. The SAW Act is especially relevant after the heinous and disgraceful case of Cody Roberts in Wyoming running over and adolescent female and then torturing her in front of patrons at a local bar
- You are also the lead Republican on the ADD SOY Act to eliminate the cow's milk mandate in the National School Lunch Program. This mandate makes no sense given that half of the 30 million kids getting this form of food assistance are lactose intolerant. This attempt to deliver an unhealthy product to millions of kids squanders as much as \$500 million in tax dollars a year.

In the 118th Congress, you have been a strong, high-profile and consistent advocate for an even broader range of animal welfare policies. You co-sponsored the FIGHT Act; the FDA Modernization Act 3.0; the Add SOY Act; the Greyhound Protection Act; and the SAFE Act. Your broad-minded support for all forms of animal exploitation distinguishes you in the animal welfare space.

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.

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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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