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The Honorable Dan Goldman  
Dan Goldman for New York  
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New York, NY 10008

Dear Representative Goldman,

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.

In the 118th Congress, you have been a consistent advocate for animal welfare. You co-sponsored the FIGHT Act, the FDA Modernization Act 3.0, and the SAFE Act. Your public support for these important animal welfare bills is much appreciated.

We also want to express our deep appreciation for your decision to oppose 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.

In addition, you co-signed a letter opposing the EATS Act, arguably the most dangerous and ill-advised farm policy proposal to come before the Congress in U.S. history. The EATS Act would wipe out important farm animal welfare laws in states, including Prop 12 in California and Question 3 in Massachusetts, which were overwhelmingly adopted by voters.

EATS is an attack on states' rights, animal welfare, and home-grown family farmers. It is a give-away to Smithfield Foods, which is wholly controlled by China, and desperately wants to embrace the most extreme factory farming methods on U.S. soil.

Finally, AWA is grateful for your vote in opposition to H.R. 615, harmful and misguided legislation which would prohibit key federal Cabinet secretaries from banning the use of lead ammunition on federal lands. This measure handcuffs key federal agencies from taking meaningful action to protect and safeguard animals on federal lands. Your leadership on this issue is needed and appreciated.

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.

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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 [wayne@animalwellnessaction.org](mailto: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,



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