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The Honorable Troy Nehls
Nehls for Congress
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Dear Representative Nehls,

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 FIGHT Act, (H.R. 2742); the MINKS are Superspreaders Act, (H.R. 7670); the Greyhound Protection Act, (H.R. 3894); the FDA Modernization Act 3.0, (H.R. 7248), and the SAFE Act, (H.R. 3475).

AWA was very pleased to see you assume the role of lead House Republican on the bipartisan Cease Animal Research Grants Overseas (CARGO) Act (H.R. 4757), which is intended to prohibit taxpayer monies from being used to fund experiments on animals in foreign countries. This bill would take a big step in the right direction of ending the use of taxpayer-funded animal testing abroad. Your work to reduce animal testing and the squandering of public resources on these often ineffective and inhumane screening methods is deeply appreciated by our community.

Finally, we offer AWA's special appreciation for your strong leadership in 2023 in successfully offering a floor amendment to prohibit the use of federal funds for shooting of cattle in National Forests in the Southwest, mainly in New Mexico. Your amendment was approved by voice vote in the House, and we were proud to endorse it.

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
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