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The Honorable Jim Costa
Jim Costa for Congress
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Dear Representative Costa,

On behalf of Animal Wellness Action (AWA), a national policy and political organization seeking to advance and enact enhanced protections for animals, we are pleased to endorse your re-election to the U.S. Congress in the 2024 election cycle. As a senior member of the House Agriculture Committee, with its important role in animal welfare policy, you play a key role in setting a tone on the committee on animal welfare issues.

Throughout your career, you have worked to combat the scourge of animal-fighting, supporting amendments to the Farm bill in 2014 and 2018 to expand prohibitions against dogfighting and cockfighting. We look forward to working with you on the FIGHT Act in the 118th Congress.

In prior Farm bills, you also fought against the King amendment to strike down foresighted policies related to the humane treatment of animals used in food production. In this Congress, you have signed a letter opposing the overreaching EATS Act (H.R. 4417), which we are working to fight. The voters of California overwhelmingly adopted Prop 12, and this legislative proposal seeks to eviscerate this 21st-century animal protection measure.

During your career, you've also been a strong support of horse protection efforts, including efforts to combat horse slaughter for human consumption. As you know, California voters, with strong majorities in Central Valley counties, favored a ban on horse slaughter that was on the ballot in 1998. You had worked on this issue when you served in the state Legislature.

The way we treat animals, as individuals and as a nation, is a measure of our decency. At AWA, we recognize that cruel and callous treatment of animals is typically entangled with other anti-social behaviors that make our communities less safe.

We are grateful for your leadership, votes, and expressions of support for a wide range of animal welfare policies during your career in public service. Please contact me with any questions at all at wayne@animalwellnessaction.org or (202) 420-0446.

Sincerely,



Wayne Pacelle
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