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Ms. Maggie Goodlander
Maggie for Congress
131 Daniel Webster Highway, Box #949
Nashua, NH 03060

Dear Ms. Goodlander,

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 campaign for U.S. Congress. Your strong advocacy on numerous animal welfare issues deserves commendation and warrants our support.

As a first-time candidate for Congress, without any prior service in public office, AWA appreciates the time and energy you spent filling out our Federal Policy Questionnaire. For a new congressional candidate, it speaks to your commitment that you'd complete this review. The AWA Questionnaire is an important part of our candidate endorsement process.

You have preliminarily pledged to support and cosponsor the FIGHT Act (H.R. 2742), the SAFE Act (H.R. 3475) and the Greyhound Protection Act (H.R. 3894), and a wide range of other animal welfare policies. This heartens us, as does your pledge to be a leader in animal welfare policies in the 119th Congress.

In addition, AWA is very pleased to learn that you'll oppose the EATS Act (H.R. 4417), which is arguably the most dangerous and ill-advised farm policy proposal to come before the Congress in U.S. history. The EATS Act 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. Many domestic farmers invested in more humane housing systems to comply with these laws, but the EATS Act would threaten their livelihoods and allow China's Smithfield Foods to drive them out of business.

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
Animal Wellness Action