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October 14, 2024  
Nanette Barragán for Congress  
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Los Angeles, CA 90050

Dear Representative Barragán,

On behalf of Animal Wellness Action (AWA), a national policy and political organization dedicated to advancing and enhancing legal protections for animals, we are pleased to endorse your campaign for Congress. Your extraordinary leadership and advocacy on animal welfare issues, particularly within the 117th and 118th Congress, make you a true champion for animals and deserving of our strong support.

Your work as a leading advocate for the FDA Modernization Act 3.0 is pivotal in advancing alternatives to animal testing. The FDA Modernization Act 2.0 was an important step, but your effort to hold FDA accountable underscores your strategic approach on animal welfare. By requiring the FDA to create a credible qualification program for non-animal testing methods, you are paving the way for more humane, innovative approaches to drug development that align with modern science.

In addition to your leadership on FDA reform, your co-sponsorship of critical animal welfare legislation such as the Greyhound Protection Act, SAFE Act, Puppy Protection Act, PAST Act, and Goldie's Act underscores your dedication to improving the lives of animals across various spheres of exploitation. Your steadfast support of the PIGS Act, to ban the extreme confinement of mother pigs, and the MINKS are Superspreaders Act, to address the health risks posed by fur farming, demonstrates your holistic approach to both animal welfare and public health.

We also commend your leadership for the ADD SOY Act, which aims to ensure that children of color, who are disproportionately affected by lactose intolerance, have access to non-dairy milk alternatives in the National School Lunch Program, and your opposition to the EATS Act, which would undermine California's Prop 12, a ballot measure approved by voters in 2018 with overwhelming support. Your leadership in signing a congressional letter opposing this dangerous measure is vital to protecting farm animals and public health. We'll need your continuing engagement to keep this measure, or any derivative of it, out of the final Farm Bill.

At Animal Wellness Action, we believe that how we treat animals reflects the core values of our society. Your ongoing efforts to promote more ethical and humane practices, through both your leadership on legislative reforms and your public advocacy, show your deep commitment to protecting the most vulnerable members of our communities.

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We are grateful for your continued support and advocacy on these critical issues, and we proudly endorse your campaign for Congress. Please feel free to reach out to me at [wayne@animalwellnessaction.org](mailto:wayne@animalwellnessaction.org) or (202) 420-0446 with any questions. We look forward to continuing our work together to advance animal welfare in the 119th Congress.

Sincerely,



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