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The Honorable Andrew Garbarino
Garbarino for Congress
P.O. Box 101
Bayport NY, 11705

Dear Congressman Garbarino,

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 FDA Modernization Act 3.0, H.R. 7248; the Greyhound Protection Act, H.R. 3894; and the SAFE Act, H.R. 3475. We look forward to working with you on other mainstream animal welfare policies.

We offer special appreciation to you for leading a Republicans-only sign-on letter to House Agriculture Committee Chairman G.T. Thompson expressing vigorous opposition to the EATS Act, H.R. 4417. You convinced 15 of your colleagues to sign your 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. Via Smithfield Foods, China now controls 26% of U.S.-based pig production. Many American farmers invested in more humane housing systems to comply with these laws, but the EATS Act would threaten their livelihoods and would 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,



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