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The Honorable Mike Garcia
Mike Garcia for Congress
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Dear Congressman Garcia:

On behalf of Animal Wellness Action (AWA), a national policy and political organization dedicated to advancing legal protections for animals, we are pleased to endorse your re-election campaign to the U.S. Congress. Your strong advocacy and leadership on numerous animal welfare issues are commendable and earn our full support.

Throughout the 118th Congress, you have consistently championed animal welfare. Your co-sponsorship of key bills such as the FIGHT Act (H.R. 2742), the Greyhound Protection Act (H.R. 3894), and the SAFE Act (H.R. 3475) demonstrates your commitment to protecting animals. We look forward to continuing our collaboration on further initiatives.

We also deeply appreciate your leadership in voting against H.R. 764 in 2024. This irresponsible bill, introduced by House Republican leadership, sought to weaken the Endangered Species Act by prematurely delisting gray wolves across the lower 48 states. Your vote against this legislation, which could have opened the door to trophy hunting and commercial trapping, reflects your steadfast dedication to protecting endangered species.

In addition, we commend your opposition to the EATS Act. By urging the House Committee on Agriculture to exclude the EATS Act from the Farm Bill, you stood with 16 of your Republican colleagues in defending state laws and democratic processes. The EATS Act, which would have overturned critical animal welfare protections established through state elections, serves the interests of a few foreign-owned conglomerates in the pork industry. Your resistance to this measure is greatly appreciated.

Respect for American democracy and the humane treatment of animals are fundamental values that must be safeguarded. The way we treat animals reflects our society's core values and decency. At AWA, we recognize that cruelty to animals often correlates with broader societal issues that can threaten the safety of our communities.

We are grateful for your continued leadership and strong support of pro-animal welfare policies. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions at wayne@animalwellnessaction.org or (202) 420-0446. We fully support your re-election this fall and look forward to working together in the 119th Congress.

Sincerely,



Wayne Pacelle
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