



October 3, 2024

The Honorable Nicole Malliotakis  
Nicole for New York  
2300 Richmond Rd  
Staten Island, NY 10306

Dear Congresswoman Malliotakis,

On behalf of Animal Wellness Action, 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 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 your leadership in being the lead sponsor of H.R. 1788, Goldie's Act. This bipartisan measure has more than 110 cosponsors and is designed to protect dogs in so-called "puppy mills" by enhancing the enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act. This important bill requires the U.S. Department of Agriculture to increase the frequency of its site inspections and improve its reporting of those who violate federal law. If appropriate, it calls for USDA to remove suffering animals from puppy mills and penalize their owners.

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](mailto: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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