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The Honorable Marie Gluesenkamp Perez
4201 NE 66th Avenue, Ste 103
Vancouver, WA 98661

Dear Representative Gluesenkamp Perez,

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 for Congress. Your advocacy on animal welfare issues throughout the 118th Congress demonstrates an unwavering commitment to protecting animals, and we are honored to support your continued leadership.

In the 118th Congress, your work as a cosponsor of the **FIGHT Act**, aimed at addressing the cruel practices of dogfighting and cockfighting, exemplifies your dedication to ending animal cruelty. Additionally, your support of the **Greyhound Protection Act**, which seeks to phase out greyhound racing, and the **SAFE Act**, aimed at prohibiting horse slaughter for human consumption and preventing the export of American horses for slaughter, underscores your understanding that animal welfare is an important national policy concern.

Your advocacy doesn't stop there. Your co-sponsorship of the **Puppy Protection Act**, which enhances welfare standards for breeding dogs at USDA-licensed facilities, and the **Prevent All Soring Tactics (PAST) Act** to stop the cruel practice of horse soring, highlights your focus on protecting animals from unnecessary suffering and exploitation.

In addition, you co-signed a 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. 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.

AWA is especially appreciative of your leadership in supporting federal animal welfare laws such as the **Animal Welfare Act**, the **Horse Protection Act**, the **Humane Methods of Slaughter Act**, and laws prohibiting animal fighting. Furthermore, your efforts to promote alternatives to animal testing and protect vulnerable animals reflect your deep commitment to ethical treatment and humane standards.

As a member of the Agriculture Committee, your role in shaping future legislation, including the upcoming Farm Bill, will be instrumental in ensuring that animal welfare remains a priority in federal policy.

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Respect for American democracy and the humane treatment of animals are fundamental values that must be preserved and protected. How we treat animals is a reflection of our core values and decency as a society. AWA recognizes that cruelty toward animals is often linked with other antisocial behaviors that jeopardize the safety of our communities.

We are grateful for your leadership and ongoing support of pro-animal welfare policies. Please do not hesitate to contact me at wayne@animalwellnessaction.org or (202) 420-0446 with any questions. We proudly support your re-election and look forward to continuing to work with you in the 119th Congress.

Sincerely,



Wayne Pacelle
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