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Andrea Salinas for Congress
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Dear Representative Salinas,

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 exceptional advocacy and leadership on animal welfare issues in the 118th Congress make you a champion for animals and deserving of our support.

Your leadership as the co-lead sponsor of the FIGHT Act, aimed at cracking down on illegal cockfighting and dogfighting, has been crucial. The FIGHT Act strengthens enforcement under the Animal Welfare Act, and it has attracted more than 750 organizations, including the National Sheriffs' Association and the Oregon Sheriffs' Association. Your letter to President Biden urging the administration to endorse the FIGHT Act reflects your strong commitment to ending the lawlessness that often accompanies animal fighting, which poses serious threats to both human health and safety.

Beyond the FIGHT Act, your co-sponsorship of important animal welfare legislation such as the Greyhound Protection Act, SAFE Act (horse slaughter), Humane Cosmetics Act, and the Puppy Protection Act, further highlights your dedication to improving the lives of animals in many different categories of exploitation.

Your support of the ADD SOY Act is also noteworthy. This bill would provide children with the option of a nutritionally equivalent, non-dairy milk alternative in the National School Lunch Program, while also reducing waste and protecting taxpayer dollars. By promoting plant-based options, you are not only addressing the needless suffering of dairy cows, which have been selectively bred for unnatural levels of milk production, but also supporting healthier choices for children.

We also commend 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.

Your work to promote enforcement of existing federal animal welfare laws, such as the Animal Welfare Act (AWA), the Horse Protection Act (HPA), and the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act, has been instrumental. We also appreciate your efforts to ensure federal funding for programs that promote alternatives to animal testing, provide shelter for domestic violence survivors with pets, and address the needs of animals in zoos and other regulated facilities during disasters.

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At Animal Wellness Action, we believe that how we treat animals reflects the core values of our society. Your leadership on animal welfare issues shows your deep commitment to protecting the most vulnerable members of our communities and promoting a more ethical and humane society.

We are grateful for your steadfast 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 or (202) 420-0446 with any questions. We look forward to continuing our work together to advance animal welfare in the 119th Congress.

Sincerely,



Wayne Pacelle
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