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The Honorable Maria Elvira Salazar  
3725 West Flagler, St. #281  
Miami, FL 33134

Dear Representative Salazar,

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 have earned our full support.

Throughout the 118th Congress, you have been a steadfast champion for animal welfare. Your co-sponsorship of critical bills such as the FIGHT Act, the MINKS are Superspreaders Act, the Greyhound Protection Act, and the SAFE Act demonstrates your deep commitment to ensuring the protection of animals from harm and exploitation. We look forward to continuing our collaboration with you on these and other key legislative efforts.

In addition, AWA wants to commend your strong leadership in serving as one of the leading sponsors of the bi-partisan Veterans for Mustangs Act (VMA). This measure is designed to help protect existing populations of wild horses and burros on federal lands, which in turn can be beneficial by serving to reduce the need for inhumane helicopter roundups as wildlife management tools. In addition, this proposal would give veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) an opportunity to heal the injuries they have incurred during combat. This bill is an excellent policy proposal, and AWA is pleased to support its passage and enactment.

Respect for American democracy and the humane treatment of animals are fundamental values that must be upheld. The way we treat animals, both individually and as a nation, reflects our society's moral compass. At AWA, we understand that cruelty to animals is often intertwined with broader issues that can undermine the safety and well-being of our communities.

We are deeply grateful for your leadership and unwavering support of pro-animal welfare policies. Please feel free to reach out to me at [wayne@animalwellnessaction.org](mailto:wayne@animalwellnessaction.org) or (202) 420-0446 with any questions.

We are proud to endorse your re-election campaign this fall and look forward to continuing our work together in the 119th Congress.

Sincerely,



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Animal Wellness Action