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The Honorable Angie Craig
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Dear Congresswoman Craig,

On behalf of Animal Wellness Action (AWA), a national policy and political organization seeking to enhance and advance legal protections for animals, we are writing to endorse your campaign in the Democratic Senate primary for the State of Minnesota on August 11, 2026.

Since becoming a Member of Congress in January 2019, you have been an advocate in the ongoing efforts to strengthen and improve national policies to prevent and punish cruelty to animals. And since becoming the Ranking Democrat on the House Agriculture Committee a year ago, you have continued those important efforts, and that's especially important given that the committee has important responsibilities when it comes to animal welfare policy.

We are particularly excited to have you as a cosponsor of three bills assigned to the Agriculture Committee: the FIGHT Act, [H.R. 3946](#), to combat dogfighting and cockfighting; the Greyhound Protection Act, [H.R. 5017](#), to close out the small and receding greyhound racing industry; and the SAFE Act, [H.R. 1661](#), to stop live exports of healthy American horses for slaughter in Mexico and Canada.

Late in 2025, for the second congressional session in a row, you opposed Rep. Lauren Boebert's legislative effort, [H.R. 845](#), to strip federal protection for gray wolves from under the 1973 Endangered Species Act (ESA). If the Senate were to pass this measure, it would open up assaults against gray wolves in Minnesota and other states, enabling trophy hunting, commercial trapping, and other unwarranted killing sprees aimed at the forebears of the dogs in our lives. Gray wolves in Minnesota are a bulwark against the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), which poses an existential threat to the state's deer herds. Where there are wolves, there is virtually no CWD; where there are no wolves, CWD spreads in an inexorable way.

Rep. Boebert's legislation is a ham-handed, ill-advised intervention by Congress in federal endangered species decision-making. It will also put deer herd health and deer hunting in Minnesota at risk. Your consistent and strong opposition to these efforts has been very much appreciated.

We want to underscore our deep concern about a Republican-led effort to repeal Prop 12 and other state farm animal welfare laws. These state policies were democratically decided by millions of voters and bipartisan majorities of state lawmakers. These laws are working well for consumers and farmers, with thousands of farmers across the nation making investments in more humane housing to comply with these laws and gain access to critical markets to them.

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Passing the so-called Save Our Bacon Act, [H.R. 4673](#), will drive more farmers into bankruptcy. We are not being cynical in observing that the SOB Act is a stalking horse for foreign-owned agribusiness interests, mainly China's Smithfield Foods, to gain more control of U.S. domestic pork production. The effect of H.R. 4673 will be a race to the bottom on animal care with China seeking to build high-rise factory farms in the United States – the new favored form of pig housing in China.

Public support for a broad spectrum of pro-animal welfare legislative measures has been a pillar of your service in Congress. We look forward to continuing that work with you in your remaining time in the House and then after you are elected to the U.S. Senate to represent the people of Minnesota.

A profound and deep respect for the proper treatment of all animals is a fundamental value that must be preserved and protected. How we treat animals, as individuals and as a society at large, is an important metric of our country's core values and decency. At AWA, we fully understand that barbaric and inhumane treatment of animals is frequently entangled with other antisocial behaviors that contribute to make our communities less safe.

We support your campaign to win the Democratic Senate nomination in Minnesota.

Sincerely,



Wayne Pacelle
President
Animal Wellness Action