



January 5, 2025

The Honorable Scott Brown  
Scott Brown for U.S. Senate  
P.O. Box 606  
Rye, NH 03870

Dear Senator Brown,

On behalf of Animal Wellness Action (AWA), a national policy and political organization seeking to enhance and advance legal protections for animals, we write to endorse your campaign in the Republican Senate primary for the State of New Hampshire on September 8, 2026.

During your prior service in the U.S. Senate, you were a high-profile and strong champion in the effort to strengthen and improve federal animal welfare policies. Time and time again, you played a key role in advancing legislative proposals to help protect animals from abuse and exploitation.

Your leadership stands in stark contrast to your primary opponent. During his prior service, we have no record or recollection that Senator Sununu authored or cosponsored a single priority policy proposal related to animal welfare or cruelty prevention.

In the Senate, for example, you were one of the lead co-authors of [S. 1947](#), the Animal Fighting Spectator Prohibition Act, which sought to close loopholes in federal animal fighting laws and make it illegal for adults to attend or bring children to dogfights or cockfights. That measure was enacted as a key provision in the 2014 Farm Bill. You played a crucial role in seeing that the entire cast of characters participating in dogfighting and cockfighting activities are held accountable in the event of an interdiction by law enforcement.

In addition to this successful effort, you were an original cosponsor of a raft of other anti-cruelty policies, including [S. 1176](#), the American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act, to ban the slaughter of horses for human consumption and prevent their export for that purpose; [S. 3239](#), the Egg Products Inspection Act Amendments of 2012, to improve housing standards for egg-laying hens; and an amendment to limit taxpayer subsidies to massive factory farms that jeopardize animal welfare, public health, and the environment. Your strong and early support for these measures demonstrated an unyielding commitment to strengthening animal protections across a broad spectrum of circumstances.

Public support for a broad spectrum of pro-animal welfare legislative measures was a hallmark of your Senate service. We have every reason to believe you will continue that work if elected by the people of New Hampshire. By comparison, your primary opponent, former Senator Sununu, has shown a glaring lack of leadership on these critical issues during his previous tenure in the Senate.

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With those clear differences in mind, we believe that you would be more aligned with the animal welfare values of former GOP Senator Robert C. Smith, who was a staunch opponent of animal cruelty during his 18 years representing the people of New Hampshire in Congress. Ironically, former Sen. Sununu's inattention to this issue also stands in contrast to his younger brother's work as New Hampshire governor from January 2017 through January 2025. Chris Sununu, like former Senator Smith, was notably dedicated to animal welfare during his four terms as chief executive of New Hampshire.

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 are grateful for your leadership and strong support on a wide range of pro-animal welfare policies. We support your campaign to win the Republican Senate nomination in New Hampshire.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Wayne Pacelle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Wayne" and last name "Pacelle" clearly distinguishable.

Wayne Pacelle  
President  
Animal Wellness Action