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The Honorable Don Davis  
Don Davis for Congress  
P.O. Box 511  
Snow Hill, NC 28580

Dear Representative Davis,

On behalf of Animal Wellness Action (AWA), a national policy and political organization dedicated to advancing strong legal protections for animals, we are proud to endorse your re-election campaign in the Democratic primary for North Carolina's 1st Congressional District.

Since coming to Congress in 2023, you have demonstrated principled, bipartisan leadership on responsible stewardship of animals and public health and safety. Your record reflects a deep understanding that protecting animals is inseparable from protecting communities and upholding core American values.

As a co-leader of the Greyhound Protection Act, [H.R. 5017](#), you are working to stop a gambling enterprise that leaves too many dogs injured and otherwise at risk. Once among the nation's largest spectator sports, greyhound racing now persists at just two tracks in West Virginia, following a dramatic, voter-driven collapse of the industry. Dogs used for racing are routinely confined in stacked cages for up to 23 hours a day and suffer catastrophic injuries, including broken legs and backs, paralysis, and death. We applaud you for working to bring an end to a cruel, outdated practice and ensuring that greyhounds are treated as companions, not gambling commodities.

We are also grateful for your continued leadership on combating organized animal cruelty through your co-sponsorship of the Fighting Inhumane Gambling and High-Risk Trafficking (FIGHT) Act, [H.R. 3946](#). By strengthening federal animal fighting laws and giving law enforcement additional tools to shut down dogfighting and cockfighting rings, you have taken a strong stand against criminal enterprises that are frequently linked to narcotics trafficking, illegal gambling, gun-running, and human exploitation.

In addition, we commend your work on humane wildlife policy, which has also been exemplary. As a cosponsor of the Wild Horse and Burro Protection Act of 2025, [H.R. 4356](#), you are helping to reform the federal government's approach to managing these iconic animals. The bill would phase out the use of helicopters and planes in roundups, require transparency through onboard cameras, and mandate an independent report on humane alternatives, job creation opportunities, and the impacts of aircraft and drones on wild horses and burros. This legislation represents a thoughtful, science-based path forward rooted in compassion and accountability.

We also are very appreciative and supportive of your co-sponsoring [H.J.Res. 111](#), the bipartisan Congressional Review Act resolution to overturn the deeply flawed Barred Owl Management Strategy, which would authorize the killing of nearly 500,000 owls at a projected cost exceeding

\$1.3 billion. Your subsequent call to suspend take permits further demonstrated your commitment to humane wildlife management and responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

Late in 2025, for the second congressional session in a row, you also opposed Rep. Lauren Boebert's legislative effort, [H.R. 845](#), which would have undermined longstanding protections for gray wolves and weakened science-based wildlife management.

Across these issues, you have consistently demonstrated that humane treatment of animals, public safety, and fiscal responsibility go hand in hand. How we treat animals is a meaningful measure of our society's decency, and cruelty toward animals is often intertwined with broader patterns of violence and lawlessness. Your leadership reflects a clear recognition of these connections and a willingness to act.

We are grateful for your steadfast commitment to animal welfare and your bipartisan approach to advancing humane policy solutions. Animal Wellness Action is proud to support your re-election in the March primary, and we look forward to continuing our work together in the 119th Congress and beyond.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wayne Pacelle".

Wayne Pacelle  
President

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