



February 10, 2026

The Honorable Nathaniel Moran
Nathaniel Moran for Congress
P.O. Box 7066
Tyler, Texas 75711

Dear Congressman Moran,

On behalf of Animal Wellness Action (AWA), a national policy and political organization dedicated to strengthening and advancing legal protections for animals, we are pleased to endorse your candidacy in the Republican primary for Texas's 1st Congressional District in March 2026.

Since your service in the U.S. House of Representatives began in 2023, you have stepped up to stop the most malicious forms of animal cruelty and to demonstrate Christian concern for all of God's creatures. We are especially grateful for your leadership in co-sponsoring the Fighting Inhumane Gambling and High-Risk Trafficking (FIGHT) Act, [H.R. 3946](#).

This pro-law enforcement, pro-border control and pro-animal welfare legislation strengthens enforcement of our federal laws against dogfighting and cockfighting, barbaric enterprises that are routinely intertwined with illicit gambling, money laundering, drug trafficking, and the smuggling of animals across the Southern Border for use in fighting ventures. Your support for the FIGHT Act reflects a serious commitment to disrupting and confronting major Mexican drug cartels and affiliated organized criminal networks while protecting our communities and pets alike. AWA commends you for your leadership.

AWA also hopes to continue working with you to advance additional commonsense measures to improve enforcement of federal animal cruelty laws. For example, these other measures include the Animal Cruelty Enforcement (ACE) Act, [H.R. 1477](#), which would establish a dedicated team of prosecutors within the Department of Justice focused exclusively on animal cruelty crimes, and the FBI Animal Cruelty Taskforce (FBI ACT) Act of 2025, [H.R. 3683](#), which would create a specialized Animal Cruelty Crimes Taskforce within the Federal Bureau of Investigation to investigate and enforce federal laws addressing dogfighting, cockfighting, crush videos, and similar heinous conduct. Taken together, these two measures would significantly strengthen our nation's capacity to confront violent cruelty that so often overlaps with other serious crimes.

A profound respect for the humane treatment of animals is a core value shared by Americans across the political spectrum. How we treat animals is a powerful reflection of our character as a society, and evidence consistently shows that acts of animal cruelty are frequently linked with broader patterns of violence and antisocial behavior that threaten public safety. By standing against these abuses, you are helping to make communities safer for families and children while upholding fundamental standards of decency.

We are grateful for your leadership and your willingness to take principled stands on behalf of animals and the rule of law. For these reasons, Animal Wellness Action is proud to endorse your candidacy in the Republican primary for the 1st Congressional District in Texas, and we look forward to continuing to work with you to advance strong, bipartisan animal protection policies in Congress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Wayne Pacelle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'W'.

Wayne Pacelle
President
Animal Wellness Action