



June 18, 2026

The Honorable Alex Bores
Alex Bores for Congress
1617 Third Ave, Unit 286569
New York, NY 10128

Dear Assemblyman Bores,

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 campaign for the Democratic nomination in the 12th Congressional District of New York. We have issued a joint endorsement, with Assemblyman Lasher, since you both have exceptional records and have pledged to support a robust animal protection agenda in Congress.

We are favorably impressed with your responses to every question on our Animal Wellness Action Federal Policy Questionnaire. Your responses are clearly in alignment with the strong voting record on animal welfare and protection issues you have compiled in the State Assembly.

In your service in Albany, you have compiled a very impressive body of legislative work by sponsoring a important policy reforms in the Assembly, including bills to promote non-animal alternatives to animal testing, strengthening animal shelter requirements, enhancing state requirements of humane education, prohibiting the use of glue traps, and working to implement bird-friendly building practices. In a short period of time, you have clearly demonstrated a strong leadership role in this space.

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 and to uphold fundamental standards of common decency.

You have communicated to us that you'll be a champion on animal protection issues in the Congress, if you are elected to serve. We look forward to continuing to work with you to advance strong, bipartisan animal protection policies in the 120th Congress.

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