



June 17, 2026

The Honorable Andrew Garbarino
Andrew Garbarino for Congress
P.O. Box 101
Bayport, NY 11705

Dear Congressman Garbarino,

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 in both the primary and the general election for the the 2nd Congressional District of New York.

Throughout your service in the U.S. House of Representatives, you have demonstrated a strong commitment to animal welfare and have repeatedly partnered with Animal Wellness Action to advance meaningful protections for animals. We commend your co-sponsorship of the Fighting Inhumane Gambling and High-Risk Trafficking (FIGHT) Act ([H.R. 3946](#)), critical legislation to strengthen enforcement of federal laws against dogfighting and cockfighting. These violent enterprises are closely linked to illicit gambling, money laundering, drug trafficking, and the smuggling of animals across our southern border. Your leadership on this issue reflects a clear understanding that animal fighting is not just inhumane cruelty, but a serious threat to public safety and the rule of law.

In addition, Animal Wellness Action is deeply grateful for your outspoken opposition to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (FWS) reckless plan to kill nearly half a million native barred owls. You co-led a bipartisan letter opposing what would be the largest mass killing of birds of prey conducted by any government in the history of the world and you cosponsored [H.J. Res. 111](#), a Congressional Review Act resolution to nullify the FWS owl-killing rule,. You letter rightly warned Interior Department leadership that the so-called "Barred Owl Management Strategy" would authorize killing owls across 24 million acres, including 14 national parks and 17 national forests, undermining the mission of the National Park Service, traumatizing wildlife, diminishing visitor experiences, and wasting up to \$1.35 billion on an ineffective and scientifically unsound program.

We especially appreciate your high-profile leadership in leading an effort to send a letter to House Agriculture Committee Chairman G.T. Thompson strongly urging him to exclude [H.R. 4673](#), the so-called Save Our Bacon (SOB) Act, from any 2026 Farm Bill in the 119th Congress.

Mr. Thompson ignored this request and the House-passed 2026 Farm Bill contained the SOB Act. To your great credit, you voted against passage of this deeply flawed measure. By opposing this measure, you have stood up for states' rights, domestic American agricultural sovereignty, and voter-approved animal welfare laws such as California's Proposition 12 and Massachusetts' Question 3.

We further commend you for co-sponsoring [the Animal Cruelty Enforcement \(ACE\) Act, H.R. 1477](#), which would establish a dedicated team of prosecutors within the Department of Justice (DOJ) focused exclusively on animal cruelty crimes and [H.R. 1661, the Save America's Forgotten Equines \(SAFE\) Act of 2025](#) which would prohibit the export of American horses for slaughter for human consumption. Specifically, the SAFE Act clamps down on the slaughter of healthy American equines in Mexico and Canada for sale to Japan and other far-off markets for high-end diners.

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 common decency.

For these reasons, Animal Wellness Action is proud to endorse your primary and general election campaign to win the Republican nomination in the 2nd Congressional District of New York. We look forward to continuing our work with you to advance strong, bipartisan animal protection policies in the 120th Congress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne Pacelle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Wayne Pacelle
President
Animal Wellness Action