



June 25, 2026

The Honorable Ben Cline
Ben Cline for Congress
P.O. Box 1536
Leesburg, VA 20177

Dear Congressman Cline,

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 re-election campaign for Virginia's 6th Congressional District.

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.

In addition, AWA is deeply grateful for your strong opposition to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (FWS) reckless regulatory plan to kill nearly half a million native barred owls. Specifically, you co-sponsored [H.J.Res. 111](#), a resolution of disapproval under the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to nullify Interior Secretary Doug Burgum's regulatory proposal, which, if fully implemented, authorizes killing owls across 24 million acres and wasting up to \$1.35 billion on an ineffective and scientifically unsound program.

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 re-election campaign in Virginia's 6th Congressional District. 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 black ink that reads "Wayne Pacelle".

Wayne Pacelle
President
Animal Wellness Action