



May 21, 2026

Bobby LaPin  
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Dear Bobby,

I am pleased to transmit the endorsement of Animal Wellness Action to you in your campaign for Maryland State Senate in District 46 in the Democratic primary.

On the wide set of issues that matter to the people of Baltimore, you are showing leadership and engagement that is rare in American politics. We especially appreciate your steadfast commitment to animal welfare and environmental stewardship, and we know that you understand that these are values shared by the people of Baltimore and throughout the state of Maryland.

Your support for legislation to phase out the use of lead ammunition in sport hunting is especially important to Animal Wellness Action. In backing this legislation, you are fighting for the health of 500,000 Marylanders who inadvertently consume wild-game meat embedded with lead fragments and for the millions of wild animals, including bald eagles, put at risk by lead dispersed in the environment through normal hunting activities.

For three consecutive legislative sessions, Senate President Bill Ferguson blocked consideration of this legislation despite overwhelming scientific evidence and growing public support for reform. His resistance to allowing meaningful debate and amendments on this issue has frustrated advocates, scientists, public-health experts, hunters using nonlead alternatives, and citizens who expect stronger leadership from Annapolis.

We have also been encouraged by your commitment to ending the use of dogs in invasive and painful experiments and to advancing broader animal welfare priorities that reflect the humane values of Maryland families. These are mainstream sensibilities.

Social progress depends on elected officials who are prepared to lead with courage and conviction rather than accommodate the demands of entrenched interests, including lawmakers aligned with the NRA and resistant to even the most modest reforms to protect animals and public health.

You have our enthusiastic endorsement in your campaign for the Maryland State Senate.

Sincerely yours,

Wayne Pacelle

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne Pacelle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'W' and 'P'.

President  
Animal Wellness Action