



June 17, 2026

The Honorable Nick Langworthy
Nick Langworthy for Congress
P.O. Box 120,
Clarence, NY 14031

Dear Congressman Langworthy,

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 Republican nomination in the 23rd Congressional District of New York on June 23, 2026.

Your step-up of activity in the animal welfare space since the Ridgman Farms' controversy came to light has been breathtaking. We are so glad to welcome you as a fantastic new advocate.

We commend the attention you've brought to the animal-testing issue and look forward to working with you to defund dog and cat testing projects in grants from the National Institutes of Health. We also appreciate your work to help pass the FDA Modernization Act 3.0 in the Energy and Commerce Committee. This measure was unanimously approved by the Senate and is now awaiting final passage in the House. It comes just over one year after the FDA released a ["Roadmap to Reduce Animal Testing in Preclinical Safety Studies,"](#) which called for making animal-free testing the norm in drug development within five years.

You are involved with other issues, and that includes 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.

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, would be the largest mass killing of birds of prey conducted by any government in the history of the world.

The Interior Department wants to implement the so-called "Barred Owl Management Strategy," which authorizes 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. Your co-sponsorship of H.J.Res. 111, to nullify the FWS owl-killing rule, further underscores your commitment to evidence-based conservation, fiscal

responsibility, and respect for long-standing wildlife protections such as the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

We do hope you'll take a serious look at a set of anti-cruelty bills, the No Flight No Fight Act, [H.R. 7371](#); and the Animal Cruelty Enforcement Act, [H.R. 1477](#). These are bipartisan, broadly supported by the American law enforcement and animal welfare communities.

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.

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 campaign to win the Republican nomination in the 23rd Congressional District of New York. 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 cursive script that reads "Wayne Pacelle".

Wayne Pacelle
President
Animal Wellness Action