



June 18, 2026

The Honorable Micah Lasher  
Micah Lasher for Congress  
200 W 79th Street, #8N  
New York, NY 10024

Dear Assemblyman Lasher,

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 are excited about your favorable responses to every question on our Animal Wellness Action Questionnaire, building on your record of support for animal welfare initiatives in your role as a state legislator in Albany. We are also very appreciative of the time you invested with our leadership to discuss your commitment to animal welfare. You also come recommended by trusted animal welfare advocates in the 12th District of New York.

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 indicated to us that you'll be a leader on animal welfare 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 that reads "Wayne Pacelle".

Wayne Pacelle  
President  
Animal Wellness Action