



June 25, 2026

The Honorable Morgan Griffith
Morgan Griffith for Congress
P.O. Box 361
Christiansburg, VA 24068

Dear Congressman Griffith,

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 9th Congressional District in the 120th Congress.

In making this decision, we want to highlight the important, positive and constructive role you have played, as the Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee Chairman, in moving [H.R. 2821](#), the FDA Modernization Act. 3.0, through your Subcommittee and the full Committee last month. In particular, we were pleased to see your Subcommittee approve this bill with a voice vote and the full Committee approve it with a unanimous 44-0 roll call vote. Enactment of this bill is one of AWAs highest legislative priorities in the 119th Congress.

This bipartisan bill directs the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to fully implement non-animal testing alternatives and phase out outdated animal testing mandates for new drug development. The U.S. Senate has already approved a companion measure. Once the House approves that measure, it can go directly to the White House for signature by President Trump.

We do hope you'll examine some measures that we consider a priority on the animal welfare front. We do hope you'll take a serious look at the No Flight No Fight Act, H.R. 7371, by Rep. Troy Nehls, and the FIGHT Act, H.R. 3946 by Rep. Don Bacon, to combat staged animal fighting and the illegal trafficking of fighting animals. These are important bills to stop vicious animal cruelty and the organized crimes bound up with it.

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 campaign to win the Republican nomination in the 9th Congressional District of Virginia. 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". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Wayne Pacelle
President
Animal Wellness Action