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The Honorable Claudia Tenney
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Dear Congresswoman Tenney,

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 24th Congressional District of New York on June 23, 2026.

Throughout your service in the U.S. House of Representatives, you've paid careful attention to animal welfare.

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. These violent enterprises are closely linked to illicit gambling, money laundering, drug trafficking, and the smuggling of animals across our southern border. Your leadership on this issue reflects a clear understanding that animal fighting is not just inhumane cruelty, but a serious threat to public safety and the rule of law.

Also, we appreciate that you co-sponsored H.R. 2821, the FDA Modernization Act 3.0, to ensure that FDA regulations will no longer mandate animal testing of new drugs where federal law does not require it. This measure was approved by the Senate and is now awaiting 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.

In addition, we applaud your co-sponsorship of H.R. 1661, the Save America's Forgotten Equines (SAFE) Act of 2025. This bipartisan legislation would prohibit the export of American horses for slaughter for human consumption. Specifically, the SAFE Act clamps down on the slaughter of healthy American equines in Mexico and Canada for sale to Japan and other far-off markets for high-end diners.

Your co-sponsorship of H.J. Res. 111, a Congressional Review Act resolution 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, including the No Flight No Fight Act, H.R. 7371 and the Animal Cruelty Enforcement Act, H.R. 1477. These are all

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.

For these reasons, Animal Wellness Action is proud to endorse your campaign to win the Republican nomination in the 24th 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,

Wayne Pacelle
President
Animal Wellness Action