



August 3, 2026

The Honorable Carlos A. Giménez
Carlos Giménez for Congress
1421 SW 107th Avenue, #236
Miami, FL 33174

Dear Congressman Giménez,

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 re-election to represent Florida's 28th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Your voting record demonstrates a strong commitment to animal welfare and humane public policy.

We are grateful for your leadership as a cosponsor of the FIGHT Act, [H.R. 3946](#), bipartisan legislation to strengthen enforcement of federal laws against dogfighting and cockfighting—criminal enterprises that are closely tied to illicit gambling, money laundering, drug trafficking, and the smuggling of fighting animals across our southern border. The FIGHT Act has earned the endorsement of more than 1,100 organizations and agencies, including the Florida Sheriffs' Association. We also thank you for your leadership as a cosponsor of the Animal Cruelty Enforcement (ACE) Act, [H.R. 1477](#), a bipartisan measure that would strengthen the federal government's ability to investigate and prosecute serious animal cruelty crimes by establishing a dedicated Animal Cruelty Crimes Unit within the Department of Justice.

Additionally, we thank you for cosponsoring the Save America's Forgotten Equines (SAFE) Act, [H.R. 1661](#), to prohibit the export of American horses for slaughter for human consumption. This bipartisan legislation would permanently end the export of healthy American horses to Canada and Mexico for slaughter and the sale of horsemeat to overseas markets. We also appreciate your signing a bipartisan [congressional letter](#) urging President Donald J. Trump to permanently prohibit the export of American horses to Mexico for slaughter through executive action while Congress works to enact the SAFE Act. Your strong support for both the legislation and the Buchanan letter demonstrates a strong and continued commitment to ending this inhumane practice.

Finally, we commend your leadership in [signing two Republican congressional letters](#) opposing the Ending Agricultural Trade Suppression (EATS) Act and similar legislative proposals, including the Save Our Bacon Act, that would nullify state farm animal welfare laws. Those two letters urged congressional leaders to reject efforts to override voter-approved standards for the humane treatment of farm animals, defended the rights of states to establish their own agricultural policies, and warned that the legislation would undermine family farmers while benefiting large foreign-owned pork producers. Your support for these efforts reflects an unyielding commitment to the value of protecting state authority, respecting the will of voters, and preserving meaningful animal welfare standards.

Going forward, we hope you'll consider cosponsoring No Fight, No Flight Act, [H.R. 7371](#), to stop the smuggling of fighting birds via commercial airlines—an illicit practice that has gone largely unenforced since Congress prohibited the interstate and foreign transport of fighting birds in 2002.

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 protect families and communities while upholding fundamental standards of common decency.

For these reasons, Animal Wellness Action is proud to endorse your re-election campaign for Florida's 28th Congressional District. 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, reading "Wayne Pacelle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Wayne" and last name "Pacelle" clearly distinguishable.

Wayne Pacelle
President
Animal Wellness Action