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The Honorable Chris Pappas
Chris Pappas for Senate
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Dear Congressman Pappas:

On behalf of Animal Wellness Action, I am pleased to inform you that we endorse your candidacy for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate to represent the State of New Hampshire. Your record in Congress over almost 8 years has demonstrated a very deep, broad and consistent commitment to combatting animal cruelty as a matter of national policy and defending animal protection laws important to voters in New Hampshire and across the country.

You have assembled an especially impressive record on our major animal protection priorities this Congress. For example, you are supporting key anti-cruelty policies by cosponsoring the Fighting Inhumane Gambling and High-Risk Trafficking (FIGHT) Act, [H.R. 3946](#), to strengthen federal enforcement against organized dogfighting and cockfighting; the No Flight, No Fight Act, [H.R. 7371](#), to stop the smuggling of fighting birds on commercial airlines; and the Save America's Forgotten Equines (SAFE) Act, [H.R. 1661](#), to ban U.S.-based horse slaughter and the export of American horses to foreign slaughter plants.

In addition, your record extends across an extraordinarily broad range of animal protection issues. You have cosponsored the Prevent All Soring Tactics (PAST) Act, [H.R. 1684](#), to crack down on the soring of Tennessee Walking Horses and other breeds; the Puppy Protection Act, [H.R. 2253](#), and Goldie's Act, [H.R. 349](#), to strengthen protections for dogs in commercial breeding operations; the Better CARE for Animals Act, [H.R. 3112](#), to improve federal enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act; and Violet's Law, [H.R. 3246](#), to give dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, and nonhuman primates used in federally funded research an opportunity for adoption or sanctuary placement. The breadth of your support for measures in this policy space is exemplary.

Just as importantly, you have repeatedly buttressed those positions with the depth and breadth of your consistently strong and impressive voting record.. You voted against the Pet and Livestock Protection Act, [H.R. 845](#), legislation to strip federal Endangered Species Act protections from gray wolves across much of the United States. You also voted against the Protecting Access for Hunters and Anglers Act, [H.R. 556](#), which would restrict the ability of federal land-management agencies to protect wildlife from toxic lead ammunition and fishing tackle. Also, you opposed an amendment that would have broadly weakened Endangered Species Act protections on military lands and during defense operations.

Furthermore, you rightly opposed final passage of the 2026 House Farm Bill, the Farm, Food, and National Security Act, [H.R. 7567](#). That measure contained language that would overturn state farm animal welfare laws establishing minimum housing standards for pregnant pigs and restrict the ability of states to determine which agricultural products may be sold within their borders.

You had previously joined congressional efforts opposing the so-called Save Our Bacon (SOB) Act, [H.R. 4673](#), and related efforts to override state animal welfare standards. By opposing these measures, you have stood up for states' rights, family farmers who have invested in more humane animal housing systems, and the authority of voters and state lawmakers to establish animal welfare and food safety standards in the absence of meaningful congressional action in these policy areas.

You likewise stood up for greyhounds during consideration of the House Farm Bill. You voted against the Riley Moore amendment to [H.R. 7567](#), which sought to gut the Greyhound Protection Act provisions in the legislation by creating a special exemption allowing commercial greyhound racing to continue in West Virginia. The House rejected the amendment, preserving the broader federal prohibition.

In the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, when the Build America 250 Act, [H.R. 8870](#), came up for consideration, you voted for the bipartisan Van Drew–Titus amendment to combat the transport of American horses for slaughter for human consumption. The amendment, adopted 34–30, would permanently prohibit the export of American horses to Canada, Mexico, and other countries for slaughter and prohibit the use of dangerous double-decker trailers to transport horses.

We are also pleased by your support for House passage of the FDA Modernization Act 3.0, [H.R. 2821](#), which passed the House by voice vote on July 20. This bipartisan legislation advances implementation of landmark federal reforms allowing scientifically valid non-animal testing methods to replace animal tests in drug development.

Taken together, your overall record of support for animal protection and wellness places you at the highest levels of pro-animal advocates in Congress.. We look forward to continuing to work with you in the U.S. Senate to advance mainstream, fiscally sound animal protection policies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Wayne Pacelle". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a large, stylized 'W' and 'P'.

Wayne Pacelle
President
Animal Wellness Action

