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The Honorable Greg Steube
Greg Steube for Congress
P.O. Box 49494
Sarasota, FL 34230

Dear Congressman Steube,

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 17th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Your record reflects meaningful leadership on behalf of animals, particularly your efforts to end outdated and unnecessary taxpayer-funded animal testing while advancing more humane and modern scientific research methods.

We especially commend your leadership as the lead sponsor of the bipartisan Preventing Risky Importation of Monkeys to Avoid Toxic Exposures (PRIMATE) Act, [H.R. 8471](#), legislation to prohibit the importation of live nonhuman primates for use in biomedical research and testing while preserving imports by accredited zoos and aquariums for legitimate conservation and educational purposes. By addressing both animal welfare and public health concerns, the bill would reduce the demand for monkeys in laboratory experimentation while helping curb the wildlife trafficking networks that supply them.

Your commitment to modernizing biomedical research extends well beyond the PRIMATE Act. You introduced legislation to prohibit the National Institutes of Health from funding experiments on dogs and championed bipartisan legislation requiring NIH to notify Congress before conducting painful experiments on dogs or cats and to certify that no suitable alternatives exist. Your bipartisan oversight efforts demanding greater transparency from NIH regarding its use of dogs and cats in research have likewise helped bring greater public accountability to federally funded animal testing while encouraging increased investment in scientifically advanced alternatives that reduce animal suffering.

We are grateful your support of 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 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.

We likewise appreciate your vote against the Riley Moore amendment ([House Roll Call Vote 149](#)) during floor consideration of the Farm Bill. That amendment sought to punch a hole in the Greyhound Protection Act by creating an exemption allowing commercial greyhound racing to continue in West Virginia—the only state with live greyhound racing. Your vote helped preserve federal protections against an industry long associated with careless treatment of dogs.

In addition, we are very grateful that you have cosponsored the Cease Animal Research Grants Overseas (CARGO) Act, [H.R. 1085](#), bipartisan legislation that prohibits federal funding from being used for any grants or contracts to foreign labs that conduct experiments using live animals. Your support for this important measure further reinforces your leadership in the Congress towards ending animal testing and moving towards innovative 21st Century testing methods.

We also hope you'll consider joining as a cosponsor of a set of anti-cruelty bills, the FIGHT Act, [H.R. 3946](#); the No Flight No Fight Act, [H.R. 7371](#); and the Animal Cruelty Enforcement (ACE) Act, [H.R. 1477](#). These bipartisan measures are broadly supported by law enforcement organizations and the animal welfare community.

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 17th 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