



August 3, 2026

The Honorable Lois Frankel
Lois Frankel for Congress
P.O. Box 480503
Delray Beach, FL 33448

Dear Congresswoman Frankel,

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 Democratic nomination in Florida's 23rd Congressional District on August 18, 2026. 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](#). This important bipartisan legislation strengthens 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. We also thank you for cosponsoring the Animal Cruelty Enforcement (ACE) Act, [H.R. 1477](#), which would establish a dedicated team of prosecutors within the Department of Justice focused exclusively on animal cruelty crimes.

We commend 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. We also appreciate your support for the FDA Modernization Act 3.0, [H.R. 2821](#), to direct the FDA to update its regulations consistent with the bipartisan law enacted in 2022 making animal testing optional in new drug development.

Additionally, AWA is deeply grateful for your strong opposition to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's reckless plan to kill more than 450,000 native barred owls across 24 million acres of the Pacific Northwest. We commend you for both cosponsoring [H.J.Res. 111](#) and signing a bipartisan [congressional letter](#) urging Interior Secretary Doug Burgum to suspend the program. Your willingness to challenge what would be the largest government-directed mass killing of birds of prey in history demonstrates a thoughtful commitment to responsible wildlife stewardship, sound conservation policy, and science-based wildlife management.

We particularly appreciate your opposition to [the Farm, Food, and National Security Act, H.R. 7567](#), which included a provision to repeal key state farm animal welfare laws. H.R. 7567 also omitted several bipartisan animal welfare measures, including provisions to end horse slaughter exports (the SAFE Act) and strengthen enforcement against organized animal fighting enterprises (the FIGHT Act) and 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.

Going forward, we hope you will consider cosponsoring the 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. Doing so is fully consistent with the entirety of your record in this space.

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 campaign for the Democratic nomination in Florida's 23th 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