



August 14, 2026

The Honorable Seth Moulton
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Dear Congressman Moulton:

On behalf of Animal Wellness Action, I am pleased to inform you that we are endorsing your candidacy for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate to represent the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Your record during the 119th Congress demonstrates a deep and consistent commitment to combatting animal cruelty as a matter of national policy. You are also promoting fiscal responsibility by working to stop reckless federal expenditures, including a billion-dollar plan to kill North American barred owls in Pacific Coast states and animal testing practices that have proved ineffective and are driving up drug prices for regular Americans.

You have assembled an especially impressive record on our major animal protection priorities this Congress. You are a leading on key anti-cruelty policies by cosponsoring the Fighting Inhumane Gambling and High-Risk Trafficking (FIGHT) Act, [H.R. 3946](#), to strengthen federal enforcement against animal fighting and related criminal activity; the No Flight, No Fight Act, [H.R. 7371](#), to stop the smuggling of fighting birds on commercial airlines; and the Animal Cruelty Enforcement (ACE) Act, [H.R. 1477](#), to establish a dedicated unit at the Department of Justice to investigate and prosecute animal cruelty crimes.

Your record extends across an extraordinarily broad range of animal protection issues. For example, you have cosponsored the SAFE Act to end the slaughter of American horses for human consumption and their export to foreign slaughter plants; the PAST Act to crack down on the soring of Tennessee Walking Horses; the Puppy Protection Act and Goldie's Act to strengthen protections for dogs in commercial breeding operations; the Better CARE for Animals Act to improve federal enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act; and Violet's Law to give animals used in federally funded research an opportunity for adoption or sanctuary placement. Again, the breadth of your support for measures in this policy space is exemplary.

You have also taken important actions to protect wildlife. You cosponsored the Snowmobiles Aren't Weapons (SAW) Act to prohibit the intentional use of motor vehicles to run down wolves and other mammals on federal lands; the MINKS Are Superspreaders Act to end mink farming in the United States; and [H.J. Res. 111](#), the bipartisan Congressional Review Act resolution to overturn the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's plan to kill approximately 450,000 barred owls.

Just as importantly, you have repeatedly buttressed those positions with your floor votes. You voted against legislation to strip federal protections from gray wolves; an amendment weakening Endangered Species Act protections on military lands; and an amendment that would have restricted federal support for innovative proteins to support our troops overseas. You also voted

against an amendment to gut the Greyhound Protection Act, which would ban gambling on greyhound racing – a matter that voters in the Commonwealth handled on the November 2008 ballot.

Your vote against final passage of the 2026 House Farm Bill was especially consequential for Massachusetts. The legislation contained language that would overturn state farm animal welfare laws, including Massachusetts Question 3, approved overwhelmingly by voters in 2016. You had previously joined congressional efforts opposing the EATS Act, now known as the Save Our Bacon Act, defending the rights of states to adopt animal welfare and food safety standards, in the absence of congressional action to do anything meaningful in these policy areas.

In the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, when the Build America 250 Act came up, you voted for the bipartisan Van Drew-Titus amendment to combat the transport of horses for slaughter for human consumption. 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, these actions put you in the forefront of animal protection in Congress. From combating animal fighting and horse slaughter to protecting wildlife, strengthening enforcement of our federal anti-cruelty laws, defending Massachusetts's voter-approved animal welfare standards, and advancing modern alternatives to animal testing, you have consistently supported practical reforms to prevent cruelty and protect animals.

We look forward to continuing to work with you in the U.S. Senate to advance mainstream, fiscally sound animal welfare policies.

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