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Dear Dr. Shah:

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 in the general election for Arizona's 1st Congressional District.

Your lifestyle choices, responses to our congressional candidate questionnaire, and record in the Arizona Legislature reflect a strong commitment to animal protection. As a state lawmaker, you led efforts to crack down on puppy mills, halt the declawing of cats, and stop the sale of kangaroo parts in the United States.

You have signaled your support for federal initiatives to end horse slaughter for human consumption, prohibit greyhound racing, strengthen enforcement against organized animal fighting, and nullify the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's plan to kill up to 450,000 North American barred owls at a potential cost of \$1.35 billion.

You have also indicated that you would oppose federal efforts to override state farm animal welfare laws, including California's Proposition 12. Arizona voters themselves overwhelmingly approved a ballot measure 20 years ago prohibiting the use of gestation crates and veal crates. You have additionally expressed opposition to efforts to strip federal protections from gray wolves under the Endangered Species Act and to mandate the continued use of lead ammunition on federal lands.

A profound respect for the humane treatment of animals is a core value shared by Americans across the political spectrum. We appreciate your commitment to these issues and look forward to working with you to advance strong, bipartisan animal protection policies in the 120th Congress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Wayne Pacelle".

Wayne Pacelle
President
Animal Wellness Action