



September 17, 2026

The Honorable Betty McCollum
McCollum for Congress
P.O. Box 14131
Saint Paul, MN 55114

Dear Congresswoman McCollum:

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 Minnesota's 4th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Your record in the 119th Congress demonstrates a strong commitment to animal welfare, wildlife protection, and humane public policy.

We appreciate your opposition to the [Farm, Food, and National Security Act, H.R. 7567](#), which included a provision to overturn state laws in California and Massachusetts establishing minimum space requirements for the housing of pregnant pigs. You reinforced that position by joining congressional colleagues in opposing efforts to undermine state farm animal welfare laws and the authority of states to regulate agricultural products sold within their borders.

We commend your vote against the Riley Moore amendment to [H.R. 7567 \(House Roll Call Vote 149\)](#). That amendment sought to punch a hole in the Greyhound Protection Act by creating a special exemption allowing commercial greyhound racing to continue indefinitely in West Virginia, the only remaining state with commercial greyhound racing. Your vote helped preserve the Farm Bill's protections against an industry long associated with the mistreatment of dogs.

You have also compiled a strong record on wildlife protection. We appreciate your vote against [H.R. 845](#), legislation to remove federal Endangered Species Act protections for gray wolves across much of the United States, as well as your vote against [H.R. 556](#), which would restrict federal land-management agencies from addressing the well-documented harms caused by toxic lead ammunition and fishing tackle to wildlife.

Your cosponsorship of the Lead Endangers Animals Daily (LEAD) Act, [H.R. 6268](#), further demonstrates your commitment to protecting wildlife from lead poisoning. The legislation would direct the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to phase out the use of lead ammunition on National Wildlife Refuge lands and waters.

We also thank you for your continued advocacy for horses. You are a cosponsor of the Save America's Forgotten Equines (SAFE) Act, [H.R. 1661](#), to prohibit horse slaughter in the United States and the export of American horses for slaughter for human consumption. You are also a cosponsor of the Prevent All Soring Tactics (PAST) Act, [H.R. 1684](#), to strengthen the Horse

Protection Act and end the cruel practice of intentionally soring Tennessee Walking Horses and other breeds.

Your support extends to animals suffering in commercial breeding operations. You are a cosponsor of the Puppy Protection Act, [H.R. 2253](#), to strengthen federal standards of care for dogs kept by commercial breeders; the Better CARE for Animals Act, [H.R. 3112](#), to strengthen federal enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act; and Goldie's Act, [H.R. 349](#), to require more frequent inspections and faster action when animals are suffering from abuse or neglect.

We also appreciate your support for House passage of the FDA Modernization Act 3.0, [H.R. 2821](#), bipartisan legislation directing the Food and Drug Administration to update its regulations to fully implement the 2022 law allowing scientifically valid non-animal methods to be used in place of animal testing in drug development.

Finally, we commend your votes against attempts to weaken the Endangered Species Act and other animal protection priorities during consideration of [H.R. 3838](#), including your opposition to an amendment that would have exempted defense-related activities from key ESA requirements.

A profound respect for the humane treatment of animals is a core value shared by Americans across the political spectrum. Your work in the 119th Congress reflects a commitment to advancing practical policies to prevent cruelty, protect wildlife, safeguard horses, and strengthen enforcement of our nation's animal protection laws.

Animal Wellness Action is proud to endorse your campaign for re-election to represent Minnesota's 4th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. 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