



October 5, 2026

The Honorable Brian Mast
Mast for Congress
P.O. Box 3016
Stuart, FL 34995

Dear Congressman Mast,

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 23rd Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Your voting record demonstrates a 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. Cockfighting also poses a significant animal and public health threat by facilitating the spread of virulent Newcastle disease and highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza, outbreaks that have cost the nation billions of dollars in indemnification payments and contributed to higher poultry prices. The FIGHT Act has earned the endorsement of more than 1,100 organizations and agencies, including the Florida Sheriffs' Association, the National Sheriffs' Association, the National District Attorneys Association, and the Small and Rural Law Enforcement Executive Association,

We also commend 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.

We also hope you'll consider joining as a cosponsor of a set of anti-cruelty bills, 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 23rd 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