

The Animal Wellness Podcast: U.S. Congresswoman Nancy Mace Talks Animal Welfare with Marty Irby and Joseph Grove

Mace discusses her leadership in Congress and compassion for animals on the latest episode

CHARLESTON, SC, USA, March 29, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- A first-termer elected in 2020, U. S. Rep. [Nancy Mace](#), R-S.C., has moved like a storm on animal welfare. We met just days after her election to the House. She immediately expressed her deep inner passion for the voiceless, and she's stepped up in a very big way and put herself at the center of many of the biggest policy reforms for animals.



Rep. Nancy Mace and Marty Irby in March of 2022 in Washington, D.C. discussing the FDA Modernization Act, and Minks Are Superspreaders Act

Rep. Mace joined with one of the most powerful Democrats in Congress – Rep. Rosa DeLauro, chair of the House Committee on Appropriations – in introducing the Mink in Narrowly Kept Spaces are Superspreaders Act ([MINKS](#) Act), which would phase out mink production in the U.S., as the species has been deemed by scientists and doctors as the number one species most susceptible to COVID—19. Together, they passed an amendment through the House last month that mirrored their bill. Mink have proven to be the number one superspreader of COVID aside from humans, and mink farms have already spawned three new variants of the plague – one of them in the U.S.

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While working both sides of the aisle, Mace joined Rep.

Vern Buchanan, R-Fla., and Elaine Luria, D-Va., in introducing the FDA Modernization Act, which would eliminate a Depression-era requirement for animal-testing for all new drug development protocols and allow for alternative methods when validated. And that measure is up for a

hearing in the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on March 17th.

Rep. Mace, joined by Nevada Democrat Rep. Dina Titus, also introduced the Opportunities for Fairness in Farming (OFF) Act, which would create a system of checks and balances, transparency, and accountability in the USDA's Commodity Checkoff programs that have been ridden with scandal after scandal. These checkoff programs funnel the hard-earned tax dollars of family farmers who adhere to more humane and sustainable animal husbandry practices to slush funds that are used to illegally lobby for policies that harm animals and put farmers out of business, all while lining the pockets of multinational corporations and monopolies like JBS, Smithfield, and Cargill.

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In our latest episode of The Animal Wellness Podcast, I join Nancy Mace and host Joseph Grove to discuss these issues and more. We hope you'll share and [check it out here today.](#)

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Rep. Nancy Mace and Marty Irby in Beaufort, S.C. in December 2021 Exploring Monkey Island where monkey's are bred for terrible animal experiments



Rep. Nancy Mace, R-S.C., Carole Baskin, and Marty Irby in 2021

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Rep. Nancy Mace and Animal Wellness Action Executive Director Marty Irby Following the Passage of the Historic Amendment to Ban Mink Farming in the U.S.

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