

Reps. Tim Burchett and Diana Harshbarger Secure Animal Wellness Action Endorsement for Congress

KNOXVILLE , TENNESSEE, UNITED STATES , October 17, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Today, <u>Animal</u> <u>Wellness Action</u>, a Washington, D.C. non-profit focused on promoting legal standards to halt cruelty and to enforce those laws, formally endorsed U.S. Reps. Tim Burchett, R-Knoxville, and Diana Harshbarger, R-Kingsport, for re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives.



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"We are proud to endorse Tim Burchett and Diana Harshbarger for Congress

and applaud their tireless work for animals and Tennesseans alike," said <u>Marty Irby</u>, executive director at Animal Wellness Action, and a past president of the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders' & Exhibitors' Association. "Tim and Diana are both a refreshing breath of fresh air in

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Reps. Tim Burchett and Diana Harshbarger have cosponsored and backed a broad range of important reforms:

• Burchett and Harshbarger are working to stop needless, costly, and inhumane animal testing as cosponsors of the <u>FDA Modernization Act</u>. The Senate companion bill introduced by Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., and 11 other bipartisan Senators passed the Senate by Unanimous Consent in September. The measure would end animal testing mandates at the FDA by amending the 1938 statute – a Depression-era requirement for animal testing for all new drug development protocols, allow for alternative methods when validated, and help reduce drug costs and time to

market for Tennesseans.

• Burchett and Harshbarger both cosponsored and voted in support of the Big Cat Public Safety Act, that would bar private citizens from keeping dangerous carnivores like lions and tigers in our communities;

• Burchett and Harshbarger supported a bipartisan measure that passed the House by a voice vote in 2021 and would have ended the transport of horses bound for slaughter for human consumption in countries like China, Japan, and North Korea.

• Burchett voted in support of the Prevent All Soring Tactics (PAST) Act in 2019, that would end the soring of Tennessee Walking Horses, going against the grain, and the rest of the Republican Congressional Delegation from Tennessee;

• Burchett cosponsored an appropriations amendment in 2020, to provide more funding for the USDA's Office of Inspector General to crackdown against cockfighting and horse soring that runs rampant in the Volunteer State;

• Harshbarger joined a letter to the

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 2021 to address a terrible policy implemented by the Biden Administration that banned the import of canines from 113 countries and has separated countless American heroes in the military, American citizens, and Diplomats from their pets.

Animal Wellness Action is a Washington, D.C.-based 501(c)(4) organization with a mission of helping animals by promoting legal standards forbidding cruelty. We champion causes that alleviate the suffering of companion animals, farm animals, and wildlife. We advocate for policies to stop dogfighting and cockfighting and other forms of malicious cruelty and to confront factory

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Animal Wellness Action Executive Director Marty Irby

farming and other systemic forms of animal exploitation. To prevent cruelty, we promote enacting good public policies and we work to enforce those policies. To enact good laws, we must elect good lawmakers, and that's why we remind voters which candidates care about our issues and which ones don't. We believe helping animals helps us all.

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