

From: Congressman Jared Polis <jared.polis@mail.house.gov> To: Katie.Schafer@mail.house.gov Subject: TEST For the animals boundary="--boundary_166_41921e28-3804-4dad-a07f-c2f49912aa3a" Date: Mon, 26 Mar 2018 16:12:18 -0400 Stay Connected: Dear Friend, We are so fortunate to

share planet earth with majestic animals of all kinds, and I consider it an honor to do all I can to give voice to the voiceless. I feel particularly proud having earned 100% on a report card from the Defenders of Wildlife, based on my voting record to protect animals. In Laboratories, mice and rabbits are used in experiments, and tens of millions of them unnecessarily lose their lives to cosmetic testing in painful, inhumane fashions. But there are more effective and accurate ways of measuring the effects of cosmetics on people than force-injecting thousands of times the human dose into the eyes of rabbits. I'm proud to do my part in saving lab mice and rabbits from these cruel practices by sponsoring H.R.2790, the Humane Cosmetics Act. H.R. 2790 will phase out cosmetic testing on animals, and replace it with more humane and effective tests. As a lover and friend of animals, I have sponsored many bills, including legislation to ensure that survivors of domestic violence can stay united with their animals when they escape abusive situations; to prohibit the import and export of dog and cat meat; and to condemn the Dog Meat Festival in China. I wish I could say that my proactive attempts to protect animals have outweighed the rollbacks. But the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture recently announced the elimination of animal welfare standards set by the Obama Administration. These standards ensured that organically-grown livestock had enough space to stand up and turn in their stalls, and to stretch their wings. For the sake of our health and theirs, these livestock should not live in misery. These practices are beneath us and show a complete indifference to the suffering of others. And they have a very real negative impact on human health. We can do better, and I'll continue to speak and act on behalf of animals, and the people who demand respect for them. If you'd like to get in touch, you can email me any time, call one of my offices, or send me a note through Facebook, Twitter or Instagram. I hope to hear from you soon. Yours truly, Jared Polis

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