



Humane Society Legislative Fund endorses Rep. Ami Bera for California's 7th Congressional District

WASHINGTON (July 2, 2018)—Today the Humane Society Legislative Fund, the nation's leading political advocacy organization for animal welfare, announced its endorsement of Rep. Ami Bera for California's 7th Congressional District.

On the most recent [scorecard published by the Humane Society Legislative Fund](#), Rep. Bera received a perfect score of 100.

"Ami Bera is a strong animal advocate within Congress and can be counted on to vote on behalf of his constituents who care about animal protection," said Sara Amundson, president of the Humane Society Legislative Fund. "Voters in California's 7th district concerned with animal welfare should support his re-election."

Among his efforts in the 115th Congress, Rep. Bera:

- Cosponsored the Pet and Women Safety Act ([H.R. 909](#)) to protect the human and animal victims of domestic violence and support the work of domestic violence shelters to accommodate pets.
- Cosponsored the Prevent Animal Cruelty and Torture Act ([H.R. 1494](#)) to make malicious animal cruelty a crime on federal property and in interstate commerce, and complement state anti-cruelty laws.
- Cosponsored the Safeguard American Food Exports Act ([H.R. 113](#)) to prohibit the domestic slaughter and export of horses overseas for human consumption.
- Cosponsored the Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act ([H.R. 1456](#)) to prohibit the trade of shark fins, for which sharks are hunted and their maimed bodies returned to the ocean.
- Cosponsored the Dog and Cat Meat Trade Prohibition Act of 2017 ([H.R. 1406](#)) to prohibit the domestic slaughter, trade and import of dogs and cats for human consumption.
- Cosponsored the Humane Cosmetics Act ([H.R. 2790](#)) to phase out the testing of cosmetics on live animals and the sale of newly animal-tested cosmetics.
- Cosponsored the Prevent All Soring Tactics Act ([H.R. 1847](#)) to strengthen the federal law against the "soring" of Tennessee Walking horses in shows — using caustic chemicals and other painful substances to injure the horses' hooves and legs to induce a high-stepping gait.

- Voted for an amendment ([H.Amdmt. 630](#)) to the Farm Bill to clarify that federal prohibitions against dogfighting and cockfighting activity that affects interstate or foreign commerce apply to all U.S. jurisdictions, including the U.S. territories.

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