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The Honorable Lamar S. Smith
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Theodore E. Deutch
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representatives Smith and Deutch,

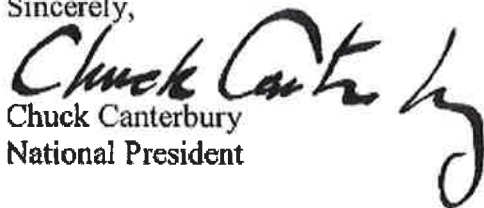
I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our support for your bill, H.R. 1494, the "Preventing Animal Cruelty and Torture (PACT) Act."

The legislation you have introduced will provide additional protections for animals who are victimized by "crushing videos." Congress prohibited this practice in 1999 but the law was struck down by the Supreme Court, forcing Congress to pass new legislation in 2010 which prohibited the publication, sale and ownership of these horrific video recordings. Your bill would create a new Federal penalty for those who engage in "animal crushing" as well as for those who create or distribute these awful films.

Our animal friends and companions do not deserve to be tortured and killed for the amusement of sick and twisted individuals and we support your efforts to criminalize these activities.

On behalf of the more than 330,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I am proud to offer you and your legislation our support. If we can be of any additional assistance on this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me or my Senior Advisor, Jim Pasco, in my Washington office.

Sincerely,


Chuck Canterbury
National President