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Sent via email to: rep.pelosi@opencongress.org

RE: Glue Trap Prohibition Act (HR7018)

Dear Congresswoman Pelosi,

Please accept this message from the San Francisco Commission of Animal Control and Welfare (Animal Commission) in support of the **Glue Trap Prohibition Act (HR7018)**. Introduced by your colleague, U.S. Rep. Ted Lieu (D-Ca.-36) and cosponsored by Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Ca.-30), this bill seeks to ban cruel glue traps, which kill, injure, and maim countless small animals every year. We hope that you will consider cosponsoring HR7018.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warns the public not to use glue traps because they increase people's exposure to dangerous diseases: Animals stuck in the glue continue to produce urine and feces, through which pathogens, including hantavirus, are transmitted.

The Animal Commission has been involved in an effort to bring about a local glue trap ban in San Francisco similar to the one recently passed in West Hollywood. We have spoken to numerous wildlife rehabilitators, animal control officers, and animal law subject matter experts. The feedback is unanimous: glue traps are cruel, indiscriminate killing devices that cause immeasurable suffering.

The Glue Trap Prohibition Act would outlaw these dangerous and cruel devices and help protect wildlife, including endangered species. By banning glue traps, the U.S. would join an ever-growing list of places—including England, Iceland, Ireland, New Zealand, Wales, two states and one territory in Australia, and more than 30 states and union territories in India—that have already banned these cruel devices.

Please join your colleagues Rep. Lieu and Rep. Schiff in taking a stand against cruelty to animals—co-sponsor the Glue Trap Prohibition Act today!

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Respectfully,

The San Francisco Commission of Animal Control and Welfare