

# CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

Office of the Mayor/ Chief Administrative Officer



March 15, 2016

The Honorable Lamar Smith  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2409 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Smith,

On behalf of the City of Albuquerque I am writing to you today to voice my support for your bill, the *Prevent Animal Cruelty and Torture (PACT) Act*.

The legislation you have introduced will provide additional protection for animals who are victimized by “crushing videos”. Your bill furthers the effort in making the act of cruelty and crushing punishable by law. It also empowers federal prosecutors to take legal action against those who torment and kill animals in federal jurisdiction or across state lines.

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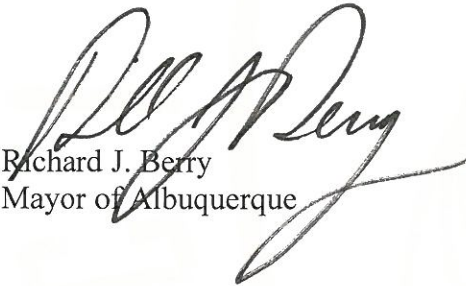
Animal cruelty is a heinous act of torture inflicted on innocent lives and has been linked as being a stepping stone to violence against people. It is for these reasons that I wholeheartedly support your efforts to criminalize these actions of malice.

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On behalf of the City of Albuquerque, I am proud to offer you and your legislation my support. If I can be of any more assistance, please contact my office.

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Best Regards,

  
Richard J. Berry  
Mayor of Albuquerque