

## KIM BASINGER

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Dear Friend:

As someone who cares about animal welfare, wildlife conservation and environmental protection, I have watched with great admiration the work of one of our Members of Congress, Sam Farr. Congressman Farr hails from the majestic Central Coast of California, calling the Monterey Bay and all its splendor home, for his entire life. It is no wonder that he has been a strong, vocal advocate for the environment. But this has not been an easy task, routinely confronting the near-sighted agendas proposed by his conservative counterparts in Congress.

Congressman Sam Farr has been a driving force behind every significant piece of legislation to benefit wildlife and the environment since he entered Congress in 1993. He has been at the forefront of animal welfare issues, co-sponsoring many of the animal protection and animal welfare-related bills that have been introduced this Congress. He has shown that he is a leader on traditional animal issues, like strengthening the Endangered Species Act, but he has shown even greater leadership and courage by taking on specific animal causes where no one else would. For example, it was his quick thinking that added language to a threatened Rhino and Tiger bill that will help curb the poaching of these animals for tribal medicine products. Because of Congressman Farr, any products that use these animal parts will have to abide by stringent labeling practices that stress their endangered status and underscore that alternative products are available.

Sam Farr also picked up the gauntlet when it came time to ask for increased funding for the Rhino and Tiger Conservation Fund. This federal fund has never received more than \$400,000 per year and is generally forgotten by congressional appropriators. Due to Congressman Farr, that fund will be increased to \$500,000 this year, with projections for additional funds in the coming years.

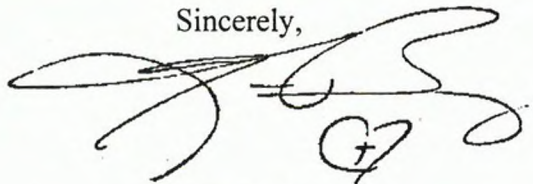
It is Sam Farr who forced the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Department of Agriculture/Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA/APHIS) after years of delay, to finally sit down and begin negotiations over responsible management practices and humane veterinary care of wild horses and burros. Congressman Farr has stressed to these agencies the need to balance range management for wildlife, wild horses and burros, as well as livestock. He supports a policy of minimizing the number of horses that must be removed from the range. He is especially concerned that the management include exemplary animal husbandry and humane transport for those animals that are placed in the adoption process.

But closest to my heart is the fate of performing animals. Did you know that those wonderful show horses known as Tennessee Walkers must be cut and injured on purpose in order to make them walk like that? It is an abominable practice. Well, Sam Farr is at the forefront of eliminating this practice and has met with Agriculture Department officials to insist on full enforcement to stop this "soring" of horses.

My own personal devotion, as you may know, is concern about performing elephants. Sam Farr shares this concern and has been stellar in helping me expose the abuses of many performance groups. He has stood by me at a number of Washington, DC congressional hearings on elephant abuse. He appeared with me on television on The Montel Williams Show to plead my case to the public. He has cosponsored legislation in Congress to reform the manner in which elephants are used in shows. He has led the charge on other legislation to protect elephants in the wilderness, and he has promised not to quit until these gentle beasts are treated right!

I have personally campaigned for the preservation and sustainment of all animals and their fragile ecosystems, and I have found Sam Farr to be a strong ally and a vital resource in this crusade. In Congressman Farr, I have discovered a friend of animals, a friend of the environment, and a friend to all of us who share his concern for global preservation and prosperity. It is now our responsibility, as his friends, to help insure his return to Congress. Please join me in showing our support for all his hard work, and all the work that there is still to be done. Join me in sending a contribution to his campaign today. We need him in Congress. The animals we love need him in Congress. They have no voice in Congress but Sam Farr does. Support his campaign for re-election. His voice -- for the animals -- must not be silenced.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim Basinger', with a circular mark containing a cross at the end of the signature.

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