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Actors and Others for Animals

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Dear Friends at Actors and Others for Animals,

Your history and tireless advocacy for the humane treatment of animals have long been a beacon of compassion in California. From your beginnings in 1971—born out of a tragic act of cruelty on a Los Angeles freeway—you have championed the voiceless with vision, integrity, and lasting impact. Your work to end the use of decompression chambers and to promote spay/neuter education well before it was common practice has inspired countless animal advocates, including all of us at LegalizeFerrets.org.

I write today not to ask for financial assistance, but for something equally meaningful: your voice.

Our petition—**2025-003**—requesting a re-evaluation of the classification of domestic ferrets in California, has been **formally accepted** by the California Fish and Game Commission. This petition asks the Commission to review whether ferrets are truly wild animals, and whether they pose any credible threat to native wildlife.

We are now preparing to **demonstrate broad public support** for this petition in advance of two important dates:

- **April 16–17, 2025** – The petition will be officially received by the Commission.
- **June 11–12, 2025** – The Commission will decide whether to deny the petition or grant it for further consideration.

Ferrets have been domesticated for over 2,000 years and are legal in 48 other states. There is no credible environmental report or scientific basis to support their classification as wild or detrimental in California. We believe it's time for a fair, evidence-based review.

Given your organization's legacy of standing up for animals when it's not easy or popular, we would be honored to have your support—whether as a public statement, a letter of support, or simply lending your name to our cause. Your voice would carry immense weight as we seek justice not just for ferrets, but for the responsible pet owners who love them.

Thank you for everything you've done—and continue to do—for California's animals. We hope you will consider joining us in this important moment.

With great respect and admiration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pat Wright", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Pat Wright