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**Subject: Request for Expert Opinion and Support for Ferret Legalization Petition**

Dear Animal Legal Defense Fund,

I am reaching out on behalf of LegalizeFerrets.org regarding our ongoing effort to challenge the California Fish and Game Commission's classification of domestic ferrets as wild and a detrimental animals.

Enclosed, you will find a copy of our **petition to the Commission**, along with all supporting **exhibits** that provide evidence of the domestic nature of ferrets and the lack of scientific justification for their current illegal status in California.

Despite their recognition as domestic animals in 48 other states, California continues to regulate ferrets as if they were wild, without ever holding a public hearing or presenting scientific evidence to justify this designation. Our petition argues that the Commission is obligated under the **Administrative Procedures Act** to provide a substantive response based on evidence, and we seek your expert legal opinion and support in ensuring that this issue is addressed fairly.

We believe that the **Animal Legal Defense Fund's expertise in animal law and policy** could be invaluable in helping to rectify this longstanding injustice. Specifically, we would appreciate:

- **Your professional opinion** on the legal merits of our petition and the facts presented.

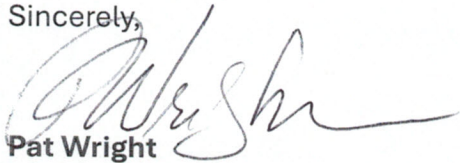


- **Any guidance or legal assistance** in advocating for ferret legalization through administrative or legal avenues.
- **Potential expert testimony or endorsements** that could strengthen our case.

We hope that you will review the enclosed materials and consider supporting our efforts. If needed, I would be happy to discuss this matter further at your convenience.

Thank you for your time and for all the work you do to protect animals through legal advocacy. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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

**Pat Wright**

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