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Assemblymember Ash Kalra

California State Assembly

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RE: Support for Petition 2025-003 – A Fair Hearing for Domestic Ferrets

Dear Assemblymember Kalra,

I am writing to respectfully request your support for **Petition 2025-003**, currently filed with the California Fish and Game Commission, which asks that domestic ferrets receive a fair and public hearing regarding their legal status in California.

As you know, domestic ferrets are legal in 48 states and are widely recognized as companion animals. Yet here in California, they remain classified as a prohibited species—despite decades of safe ownership, mounting scientific evidence of their domestic status, and no public hearing ever having been held to justify this ban.

My petition does not ask for an immediate change in regulation, only that the Fish and Game Commission follow the requirements of the **Administrative Procedures Act** and provide a hearing. California law demands transparency and public input when making regulatory decisions, particularly when those decisions affect the rights of pet owners and the credibility of science-based policymaking.

As a longtime advocate for animal welfare and civil justice, you are in a unique position to ensure that this matter receives the fair consideration it deserves. I hope you will consider writing or speaking to the Commission in support of a hearing on Petition 2025-003.

Thank you for your dedication to good governance and compassionate policy.

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

Sincerely,

Pat Wright

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