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**Subject: Seeking the Poultry Federation's Support for Ferret Legalization**

Dear Mr Mattos,

Enclosed, please find our completed **Form FGC1** submitted to the California Fish and Game Commission, along with extensive supporting exhibits. Our petition requests an update to the classification of domestic ferrets (*Mustela putorius furo*)—ensuring they are recognized as what they truly are: fully domesticated animals, not wild or detrimental.

We are reaching out to you because **concerns about ferrets and poultry farming have historically been raised**, yet they lack factual basis. While the public may associate weasels with threats to poultry, **domestic ferrets are vastly different from their wild cousins**—just as domestic dogs differ from wolves. In the 48 states where ferrets are legal, including major agricultural regions such as Texas and the Midwest, **there has never been a reported case of ferrets harming commercial poultry operations.**

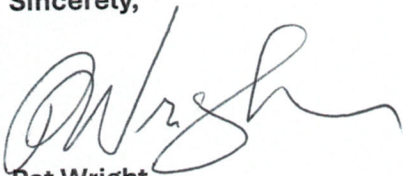
#### **Why Your Support Matters**

As the leading voice for California's poultry industry, the **California Poultry Federation's position carries immense weight** in shaping science-based regulations. If the Poultry Federation were to affirm that domestic ferrets pose no threat to poultry farms, it would directly counter outdated fears and help advance fair, fact-driven policymaking.

We respectfully ask for your **public support of our petition** or, at the very least, a statement confirming that domestic ferrets do not pose a risk to poultry farming. Your stance on this issue could **eliminate a major misconception** and bring California's regulations in line with modern agricultural and scientific understanding.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further at your convenience. Thank you for your time and consideration. We hope to work together to ensure that California's policies reflect truth, not outdated myths.

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pat Wright', written in a cursive style.

**Pat Wright**

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