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Subject: Request for CVMA Support for Petition FGC1 to the California Fish and Game Commission

Dear Mr. Baxter,

I am reaching out on behalf of **LegalizeFerrets.org** to request the support of the **California Veterinary Medical Association** in our official petition (**FGC1**) to the **California Fish and Game Commission (FGC)**. This petition seeks a long-overdue regulation change to recognize **domestic ferrets** as non-wild animals, allowing responsible ownership in California—just as they are legal in **48 other states**.

As the largest veterinary medical association in the country, the **CVMA is a respected voice for animal health and welfare** in California. Your leadership and advocacy play a critical role in shaping animal policy, and we believe our cause aligns with your mission to promote responsible veterinary care and animal well-being.

Why Your Support Matters

1. **Ferrets Are Domestic Animals** – Scientific, legal, and historical evidence supports that **ferrets (*Mustela putorius furo*) have been domesticated for thousands of years**. Our petition includes **peer-reviewed research and expert testimony** proving their non-wild status.
2. **Ferret Healthcare is a Veterinary Issue** – Despite their widespread ownership, ferrets in California **lack legal protections and access to proper veterinary care** due to their classification as “wild animals.” Veterinarians should have the ability to **treat ferrets without fear of legal repercussions**.

3. **Public Health and Welfare** – Unlike wild species, ferrets are vaccinated against rabies in legal states and have an established **track record of responsible pet ownership**. California’s outdated ban does not reflect modern veterinary standards or public health policies.


A Call to Action

We respectfully ask the **CVMA to review and publicly support our petition** as a matter of responsible animal care and veterinary advocacy. A statement from the CVMA would lend **significant credibility** to our efforts and demonstrate your commitment to science-based policy decisions that benefit both veterinary professionals and pet owners alike.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss this further and provide **any documentation or expert testimony** needed to support your review. Please let us know how we can collaborate to ensure **all domestic animals receive the care and recognition they deserve in California**.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We appreciate your leadership in advocating for animal welfare and veterinary excellence.

Sincerely,



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