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**Subject:** Petition 2025-003 – Request for Support from Environmental Science Professionals

Dear CAPS Board Members,

We are reaching to, among many others, environmental and scientific professionals to respectfully request your support for **Petition 2025-003**, currently before the California Fish and Game Commission. This petition seeks a long-overdue hearing to reclassify domestic ferrets—animals that are neither wild nor detrimental—as lawful companions in California.

For decades, California has maintained a ban on ferrets without holding a hearing or producing scientific justification. Yet, across 48 other states, ferrets are recognized as domestic pets—indistinguishable in status from cats or dogs—with no documented evidence of environmental harm or wild population establishment.

Our petition does not seek immediate legalization. We are simply asking for a hearing based on scientific merit, where evidence can be presented and evaluated under the California Administrative Procedure Act. As scientists committed to evidence-based policy and transparent governance, we believe this is a matter of both scientific integrity and public trust.

We would be deeply grateful for your support—whether in the form of a public comment, a letter to the Commission, or simply acknowledging this effort within your network. Your voice carries weight, especially in helping the Commission understand that professionals in environmental science are calling for a fair and fact-based process.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you'd like more information about Petition 2025-003, or to be connected with experts and documentation supporting the petition.

Thank you for your consideration and for all you do to uphold scientific standards in public service.

Link to the actual petition - <https://www.legalizeferrets.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Petition-FGC1.pdf>

And if you're up to it – all of our supporting exhibits <https://www.legalizeferrets.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/AllExhibits.pdf>

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