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California Fish and Game Wardens' Association

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Subject: Request for Support for Petition 2025-003 on Domestic Ferret Legalization

Dear California Fish and Game Wardens' Association,

I am reaching out on behalf of **LegalizeFerrets.org** to seek your support for **Petition 2025-003**, which we have submitted to the **California Fish and Game Commission**. This petition seeks to reclassify domestic ferrets as domestic animals, aligning California with the 48 other states that recognize their status.

As an organization dedicated to supporting and advocating for Game Wardens, Warden Pilots, and Lt. Specialists, you are well aware of the pressing conservation and wildlife protection challenges facing California. We believe that **enforcing a prohibition on domestic ferrets is an unnecessary distraction from the critical duties of your members** and does not serve the core mission of wildlife law enforcement.

The current ban forces wardens into conflicts with pet owners rather than focusing on pressing environmental and wildlife concerns. Legalizing domestic ferrets would **remove this enforcement burden**, improve public relations with a significant segment of California's pet-owning community, and allow game wardens to **prioritize conservation efforts and actual threats to native wildlife**.

To support our petition, we have included:


- **Exhibit A & A2:** Legal definitions of domestic animals in California law.
- **Exhibit B:** Evidence confirming that ferrets are a domesticated species.
- **Exhibit C:** California Civil Code provisions relevant to domestic animal classification.
- **Exhibit D & D2:** Bite statistics and information on an available ferret rabies vaccine.
- **Exhibit E & E2:** Scientific studies confirming ferrets pose no environmental risk.
- **Exhibit F:** Legal review showing how other U.S. states regulate ferrets without issue.
- **Exhibit G:** Proof that no feral ferret populations exist in California.

We respectfully request a **letter of support** from the **California Fish and Game Wardens' Association**, acknowledging that ferret prohibition is not an appropriate use of game wardens' time and resources. Your support would be invaluable in urging the **California Fish and Game Commission** to reconsider this outdated and unnecessary ban.

We appreciate your time and consideration and would welcome the opportunity to discuss this issue further. Please let us know if we can provide additional information.

Thank you for all you do to protect California's wildlife and support the dedicated professionals in the field.

Sincerely,

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

Pat Wright
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