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Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
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Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

I am reaching out to you regarding an issue that has been close to my heart for many years—the legalization of domestic ferrets in California. As you may recall, in 2004, during your campaign for governor, you assured ferret supporters that you would sign any ferret legalization bill that came to your desk. However, when SB 83, the ferret amnesty bill, reached your desk in 2009, you vetoed it, citing concerns about environmental impact studies that had yet to be conducted.

We now have an opportunity to correct this longstanding issue through our petition, FGC1, (yet unnumbered) filed under the Administrative Procedures Act (APA). This petition seeks the proper administrative review that domestic ferrets have long been denied. As you once acknowledged in your veto message, you have a personal connection to ferrets, having worked with one in *Kindergarten Cop*. You wrote, “I love ferrets,” yet, despite that sentiment, California remains one of only two states that still bans them.

The rationale for the ferret ban has never been backed by scientific evidence, and no study has ever been presented to justify it. In fact, the proposed environmental studies in SB 83 would have been funded by registration fees from ferret owners, ensuring that no additional taxpayer dollars would be needed. Instead of facilitating that research, the state continues to enforce an arbitrary and outdated prohibition.

You have long been a champion of pragmatic governance and have spoken about the need for the Republican Party to address real issues that affect people’s lives. Ferret legalization is one such issue—it has grassroots support across political lines, and the refusal to even allow a proper administrative review is a glaring example of bureaucratic overreach.

Governor Schwarzenegger, I urge you to publicly support our FGC1 petition and call upon the California Fish and Game Commission to finally conduct a fair and proper review under

the APA. Your voice carries immense influence, and your support could help rectify a long-standing injustice that affects thousands of responsible pet owners in our state.

I appreciate your time and consideration. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further and provide any additional information you may need. Please let us know if you are willing to support this effort to finally bring fairness and reason to California's approach to ferrets.

Sincerely,

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

Pat Wright

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