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Honorable Isaac G. Bryan

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Subject: Request for Support for Petition 2025-003 to Correct the Misclassification of Domestic Ferrets

Dear Assemblymember Bryan,

I am writing on behalf of **LegalizeFerrets.org** to respectfully request your support for **Petition 2025-003**, which has been accepted for review by the California Fish and Game Commission. This petition seeks to rectify a long-standing regulatory misclassification that unjustly restricts the ownership of domestic ferrets in California.

In **1931**, domestic ferrets were erroneously classified as **wild animals** and designated as **detrimental** without scientific review or public input. Since that time, no evidence has ever been presented to justify this classification, and no public hearing has been held to reconsider their status. As you know, **administrative law requires that regulations be based on sound science and allow for public participation**—neither of which has occurred in this case.

Petition 2025-003 invokes the **Administrative Procedures Act** to demand a **science-based and transparent review of ferrets' domestic status**. Specifically, we seek to:

1. **Remove domestic ferrets from the jurisdiction of the California Fish and Game Commission**, as they are not wild animals and should not be regulated as such.

2. **Transfer regulatory oversight to the California Department of Public Health,** where all other domestic animals—including dogs, cats, and rabbits—are properly regulated.

California and Hawaii (an island ecosystem) remain the **only states** that maintain a ban on domestic ferrets, while 48 other states recognize them as companion animals. It is time to correct this outdated policy and ensure that government decisions regarding animal classification are grounded in evidence and public participation.

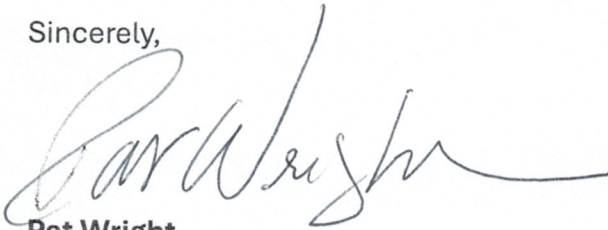
As Chair of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee, your leadership on responsible environmental policy and fair regulatory practices is critical. We would greatly appreciate a **statement or letter of support** from your office in favor of our petition, urging the Fish and Game Commission to act in accordance with science, public input, and proper administrative procedure.

The Commission will review our petition at its **April 16-17, 2025**, meeting and determine further action at its **June 11-12, 2025**, meeting. Your support would help ensure that our petition is given fair and serious consideration.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further and provide any additional information you may need. Please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We deeply appreciate your commitment to fair and evidence-based policies for all Californians.

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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