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Dear Reason Foundation Team,

I'm writing to bring to your attention a matter that exemplifies government overreach, lack of transparency, and disregard for individual liberty—exactly the kinds of issues Reason Foundation has long worked to expose and correct.

LegalizeFerrets.org has submitted Petition for Regulation Change 2025-003 to the California Fish and Game Commission, challenging the arbitrary and unjustified prohibition on domestic ferrets in the state. California is one of only two states that continues to criminalize ferret ownership, despite widespread domestic acceptance, veterinary endorsement, and legality in 48 other states and D.C.

This prohibition dates back to 1931 and has never been subjected to a proper administrative review, public hearing, or environmental analysis. The Commission continues to sidestep its legal obligations under the California Administrative Procedure Act and Fish and Game Code, effectively enshrining an outdated and irrational regulation through bureaucratic inertia rather than scientific or legal merit.

Our petition demands the same due process and accountability required of all agencies operating in a free society. It challenges the state's authority to restrict personal freedom without cause or consequence, and it calls for rational discourse and evidence-based policy—a mission perfectly aligned with Reason's values.

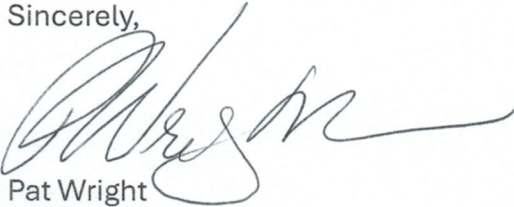
I'm reaching out to ask whether Reason Foundation, Reason Magazine, or ReasonTV would be interested in covering this story or exploring it as a case study in misguided policy, regulatory overreach, and the failure of government to correct its own errors. Whether through investigative journalism, a policy brief, or a spotlight feature, your voice could bring

attention to a case that affects thousands of Californians—and speaks volumes about the importance of liberty, transparency, and rule of law.

I've enclosed a copy of the petition and supporting documentation for your review. I would be happy to provide additional background, interviews, or sources as needed.

Thank you for being a principled and consistent voice for liberty, truth, and reason. I hope you'll consider this issue as one worthy of your attention and advocacy.

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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