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Subject: Request for Endorsement of Petition 2025-003 – Reclassification of Domestic Ferrets

Dear Mr. Ramon,

I am reaching out as a passionate advocate for animal welfare and responsible pet ownership, seeking your support in endorsing **Petition 2025-003**, which calls for the reclassification of domestic ferrets as a **non-prohibited species in California**.

Domestic ferrets have been companion animals for thousands of years and are recognized as domesticated in **48 states and most countries worldwide**. However, despite extensive evidence proving their **domestic status, lack of environmental threat, and manageable public health considerations**, California continues to classify them as a restricted species without justification.

I understand that Pasadena Humane, like other shelters across the state, likely encounters domestic ferrets in need of care and placement but faces significant challenges due to the current prohibition. The inability to properly process and rehome these animals only adds strain on shelter operations and leaves well-meaning pet owners without resources.

Our petition, currently before the **California Fish and Game Commission**, is grounded in **scientific research, veterinary support, and legal precedent**. The key facts include:

- Domestic ferrets have been selectively bred for companionship for over **2,000 years**, fitting California's legal definition of a domestic species (Fish and Game Code §2116).
- There has never been a **documented feral population** of ferrets in North America, even in states where they have been legal for decades.
- A **federally approved rabies vaccine exists**, addressing outdated concerns about public health risks.
- Numerous **peer-reviewed environmental studies** confirm that domestic ferrets pose **no significant threat to native wildlife** or ecosystems.

Given **Pasadena Humane's leadership in progressive animal welfare policies**, your endorsement would send a powerful message to policymakers about the need to update outdated regulations and align California with the rest of the country.

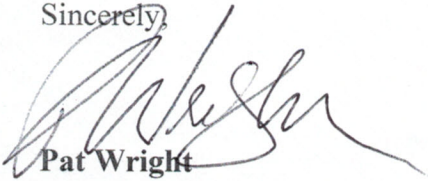
I am enclosing supporting documentation that provides further details on the domestic status of ferrets, their safety as pets, and the unnecessary burden imposed by the current ban.

Would you be willing to review our petition and consider adding Pasadena Humane's name as a supporter? Your endorsement would be invaluable in demonstrating to the Commission that animal welfare organizations recognize **the need for evidence-based policy changes**.

I would be happy to provide additional information or discuss this further at your convenience. Thank you for your time and for all the incredible work you do for animals and the community.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pat Wright', written over a horizontal line.

Pat Wright
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