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March 24, 2017

Eric Sklar, President
California Fish and Game Commission
C/O Valerie Termini
1416 9th Street, Suite 1320
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Sklar,

I am writing in support of Petition 2016-031 regarding consideration of a process to permit ferret ownership in California, which will be considered by the California Fish and Game Commission on April 26, 2017. The petition was submitted by Mr. Pat Wright on behalf of Ferrets Anonymous, an organization founded in my district.

The petition requests that the California Fish and Game Commission authorize individual permits for domestic male ferrets that have been neutered and have been vaccinated for rabies. The petition also suggests that a permit fee be established to provide for cost recovery of the program expenses.

It has been estimated that tens of thousands of Californians currently keep domesticated ferrets as pets. By providing a process for legal ownership that eliminates the possibility of feral colonies being established, and requires ferrets to be vaccinated against dangerous diseases such as rabies, the Department of Fish and Game would establish greater regulatory control while allowing ferret owners to legally and openly enjoy their pets.

The responsible ferret community in California deserves a respite from the fear of having their pets seized and destroyed. By authorizing such a process, the Fish and Game Commission would enable Californians the same ability to keep domesticated ferrets that is enjoyed in 48 other states.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Todd Gloria".

TODD GLORIA

Assemblymember, 78th District

