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Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
State Capitol Building
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Re: Legalization of ferrets

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

With so much bad news presented to us lately; home foreclosures, job losses, higher taxes, budget shortfalls, etc - why not give California a Christmas present and legalize ferrets?

They are legal in 48 states. There is no evidence of any harm from ferrets such as agricultural, environmental or otherwise, and California is estimated to already have 27% of the nation's ferrets (Pet Industry Survey).

Think of the cheer this would bring California ferret lovers. And we certainly need some cheer in these dismal economic times.

Plus, legalizing ferrets is good business. It is estimated that 80% of the ferrets sold in Arizona, Nevada and Oregon are meant for California. The average cost of a ferret is \$153. Most people buy 2.5 times the value of the ferret in supplies when they purchase the ferret.

Here is a handy little table to explain the lost revenue to California:

		How Many Ferret?		
	25,000	50,000	75,000	100,000
Ferrets sold in AZ, NV and OR to Californians	25,000	50,000	75,000	100,000
Average Cost of a ferret in those states: (http://www.ferretsanon.com/wheretobuyferrets.htm)	\$153	\$153	\$153	\$153
Additional Supplies Bought the same time	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Total Spent on Ferret Shopping Trip	\$ 9,562,500	\$ 9,125,000	\$ 28,687,500	\$ 38,250,000
California sales tax lost at 7.25%	\$693,281	\$1,386,563	\$2,079,844	\$2,773,125

Governor Schwarzenegger – **The California Ferret Ban is Wrong and Unfair**. You know ferrets - so you know this. Please put a little bright spot in our lives when we need it the most.

Sincerely,

Pat Wright