



Dear Governor,

I am writing to you to request that our State tightens the laws and regulations associated with the private ownership of exotic animals, for both commercial purposes, such as in privately owned zoos or as personal pets.

As someone who is very worried about the extinction crisis, I believe too little is known about the exotic pet trade.

By deciding to more strictly regulate and monitor the private owners of endangered and exotic animals, we can all play our part in tackling biodiversity loss. Only then will we secure our planet's rich heritage for our children, grandchildren, and all future generations.

There is ample evidence in the daily news that the trade in endangered and exotic species can be detrimental to an animal's welfare. We cannot pretend we don't know the distress that it can cause if a wild animal is housed incorrectly or not able to exhibit its natural behavior.

I hope you will lead our State Government to implement stricter laws and controls over the ownership of endangered and exotic wildlife. It is a small sacrifice for people to make.

By deciding to do this, it will be a big step forward in ensuring all our children have the same opportunities to take great joy in knowing that we share our planet with such amazing wild species.

Observing animals in the wild and being in nature has brought me great pleasure over the years and I, for one, want to ensure that the laws of our State are not contributing to the extinction crisis.

I thank you for your consideration.

Signed

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