

Dear Co-Chair Kennedy, Co-Chair Albis, and Honorable Members of the Environment Committee:

Please accept this testimony in SUPPORT of HB6955.

I am very concerned that elephants and rhinos continue to be hunted and slaughtered. Our grandchildren or great-grandchildren may never have the opportunity to see a live elephant or rhinoceros for one reason: because there are humans who continue to fuel the demand for tusks or horns so they can have their little trinkets and aphrodisiacs.

Current federal law has many loopholes that are exploited by those who profit from this shameful industry. Connecticut needs to step up and do our part to stop the illegal trade. I hope I can count on you to SUPPORT HB6955.

Respectfully,

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