

March 11, 2015

Re: **SUPPORT of HB 6955**, a bill that would shut down market demand for elephant ivory and rhinoceros horns in Connecticut

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

Please accept this testimony in SUPPORT of HB 6955.

Elephants have been proven to be extremely complex, intelligent animals, and they are in danger of extinction. We must do everything we can to protect these magnificent creatures. This bill would help reduce the market for ivory, which would reduce poachers' incentive to kill elephants. NY and NJ have passed similar legislation, and several other states are also considering similar legislation. CT should join these states and set an example for others to follow. Please pass this important bill. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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