

Testimony in SUPPORT

Raised Bill 6955 AAC Prohibitng the Sale and Trade of ivory and rhino horn

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Senator Kennedy, Representative Albis, and members of the Environment Committee:

I greatly thank you for moving this bill forward.

The obscene slaughter of elephants and rhinoceroses is at crisis levels: An estimated 20,000 African elephants slaughtered in 2013; an estimated 60% of African forest elephants killed for their ivory in the last decade.

With passage of prohibitions in neighboring states, Connecticut is poised to become a major commercial outlet, thus further priming the killing.

By supporting 6955, you'll help plug in the sales of ivory and horn and *reduce the slaughter*.

What possible legitimate reason could there be not to enact it?

I urge you to vote unanimously in favor of 6955.

Yours sincerely,

Julie E. Lewin, President

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