

Testimony Concerning HB 6955
*AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE AND TRADE OF IVORY AND
RHINOCEROS HORN*

Environment Committee

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I thank the Environment Committee for the chance to express my support of HB 6955, *An Act Prohibiting the Sale and Trade of Ivory and Rhinoceros Horn*.

That the terms of the ban are stringent is a measure of the urgency of the African elephants' plight in particular and of our failure to have acted effectively to halt their slaughter thus far.

Our small state profited immensely from the historic ivory trade which caused misery and death far from us to both elephants and humans in the millions. A ban is a small but definitive act for us now to affirm that our participation has truly ended.

Our neighbors in New York and New Jersey have acted. Let Connecticut enact this ban to prevent our state from serving as an alternative host for this trade.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical matter.

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