

**Testimony Concerning HB5578
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, MARCH 11, 2016
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I would like to thank the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE for the opportunity to express my support of HB 5578 -- AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE AND TRADE OF IVORY AND RHINOCEROS HORN.

I am an animal lover and care about the sharp decline of the elephant populations around the world due to the ivory trade. If poaching continues at the current rate, elephants could be extinct in my lifetime. The loss of elephants is not worth an ivory trinket. In addition to the horrific slaughter of elephants, many extreme terrorist groups are involved in wildlife trafficking in order to fund their activities. This is a national security issue.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to testify and I do hope you will strongly support this important piece of legislation.

Thank you,

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