

Dear members of the Environmental Committee-

I am writing in opposition to HB 5578. I have several close friends who own a small business in Connecticut who use ivory to make a living. Among other firearms related services, they create pistol grips out of ivory. It is a large part of their business. This bill would essential shut down a major part of their business if not in its entirety. This would result in less taxes paid by said business and may result in the family and business moving entirely to another state. This is a family business. It is the way they put food on the table and are able to afford clothes and a home for their kids. Knowing these things, I asked that you vote against this bill.

Sincerely,

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