

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am heartily in support of banning all import and sale of ivory and rhino horn both nationally and internationally. Having been in the antique business for many years, I am appalled at how many of the laws on the books are circumvented.

That being said, it has been drawn to my attention that legislation is in the works making it illegal even to possess ivory, regardless if it is antique. This apparently would include such items as the keys on pianos, the handles on silver tea services, medieval icons such as crucifixes, etc. Where do we stop? Are we to arrest museums for displaying paleolithic horn and tusk scrimshaw or private citizens for having family heirlooms. This all seems far too extreme.

We should focus on enforcing those means to put a stop to all hunting/poaching and worry more about climate change than grandmas ivory handled tea set.

Sincerely,

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