

**Testimony Concerning HB-5578
Environment Committee, March 11, 2016
Dawn Carlson, concerned citizen**

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 a concerned citizen who cares for and respects the animal population. I strongly urge you to vote to stop the illegal slaughter of Elephants for their Ivory and Rhinoceros for their horns. It is imperative to cut off the market for Ivory in Connecticut.

I have read that between 2010 and 2012, 100,000 elephants were killed for their Ivory, averaging one elephant killed every 15 minutes. I find that number staggering and appalling.

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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