

I am writing to oppose Raised Bill HB No. 5578. This bill is a prohibition on the sale or possession of anything with ivory in the state of Connecticut. It would make the possession or transfer of anything containing ivory a felony in Connecticut unless the item was owned before the bill. However, it would still require anything owned before the bill to be registered within the state and the owner could never sell it.

There is NO provision for antiques. I am a collector of Early American antiques and Revolutionary War items. This would mean a historic revolutionary war sword with ivory grips or a piece of colonial furniture with a few ivory inlays previous worth tens of thousands of dollars would be rendered valueless and the owner a potential felon.

This bill goes far beyond any Federal bills which allow an antique item or anything with 200 grams of ivory. Basically it's insanity. I have to say it's pretty evident why people and businesses are fleeing this state which I used to love. At some point I may be leaving if this nonsense continues.

Regards  
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