

Dear Legislators:

I am a auctioneers/antiques dealer located in Delaware and am writing to express my concern regarding pending legislation in the state of Connecticut.

Wholesale bans on the ownership of items containing ivory could if enforced make criminals of many of your states most wealthy and influential citizens.

I understand that this is an effort to protect the Elephants but the ivory in all these old items came from elephants killed over a century ago. I am active in the trade and attend many public auctions and must say that I see very little modern ivory in this country. If you are serious about saving the elephants more funding should be directed toward the African continent.

I feel that a ban on all importation of modern ivory would do much more to save the elephants. Banning ivory already in America makes no sense. It is already here. How many elephants will that save or protect. Zero. This type of legislation is a slippery slope much more commonly seen in facist and totalitarian regime states. It doesn't speak very well to the current state of our country which was founded on the ideals of individual liberty.

Sincerely,

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