

My name is James McKenna, a CT resident and I oppose the HB5578 ban on ivory because there are many valuable items that contain or are made from Ivory that have been here in the U.S. For decades. The U.S. banned the import of ivory with the CITES BAN in 1989. All Ivory in the U.S. Is PRE BAN. And that Ivory has always been available for consumer use.

These items are bought and sold everyday. Every sale means sales tax dollars for our state. Connecticut is facing a huge budget shortfall and this bill will force collectors, antique dealers, auctioneers, artisans, just to name a few, to take their valuable items and business to another state, and take their tax dollars with them.

Sincerely,

James McKenna