

**We are antique dealers at Hiden Galleries in Stamford, CT
In spite of the fact that there are hundreds of dealers at the center, I haven't seen a trace of ivory,
thank goodness.**

The public have voiced their disapproval of selling ivory to me and have actually told me that they would not shop in a store that sold ivory, causing the killing of this gentle species. It turns most people off to think that anyone has ever sold ivory, ignoring the fate of the elephants and rhinos. Antique dealers do not need to sell ivory, yet they still make a living selling other items that do not require this destruction.

Connecticut should follow other states in banning ivory sales because it is no longer acceptable to the majority and is not vital to our economy. Peoples standards have changed and they are more aware of the environment and preservation of a species. Times have changed, and this kind of carnage is no longer acceptable for the almighty dollar to most consumers. They have a conscience. It's not all about money to them.

We need this law passed because the few that want ivory trade for personal gain is outnumbered by the majority who want this inhumane act stopped-now. This has to come to a conclusion and you are vital in making it happen. There is no turning back. Once these beautiful creatures are gone - they are gone forever. What right do we as humans have to determine their fate? Especially for money. The solution is so blatantly obvious, just ban the sale of ivory and rhino tusks, and the world will be a better place.

**Sincerely,
Kathy and Tony Romano
The Antique Jungle**