

DEAR CO-CHAIRS, SEN. KENNEDY AND REP. ALBIS, AND RESPECTED MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

I TOTALLY OPPOSE BILL HB-05578, PROHIBITING THE SALE AND TRADE IN IVORY AND RHINOCEROS HORN. THIS BILL IS OUTRAGIOUS!!!! I AM A SENIOR CITIZEN WHO HAS BEEN IN THE IN THE ANTIQUES BUSINESS IN CONNECTICUT FOR ALMOST 40 YEARS. I HAVE BOUGHT, SOLD AND COLLECTED BEAUTIFUL AND HISTORICAL ANTIQUE IVORY ITEMS FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. IT IS AN INVESTMENT OF MINE AND NOW WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO DO WITH THESE BEAUTIFUL ITEMS? YOU ARE GOING AT THIS WHOLE ISSUE BACKWARDS. THESE IVORY ITEMS HAVE BEEN HERE FOR YEARS, WE LOVE THEM, ENJOY THEM AND INVESTED IN THEM. YOU NEED TO START WHERE THE PROBLEM STARTS, NOT WHERE IT ENDS. PLEASE RETHINK HOW YOU NEED TO HANDLE THE POACHING, THAT IS WHERE THE PROBLEM IS, NOT WITH SOME SENIOR CITIZEN'S COLLECTION!!!!!!!!!! BE REAL!!!!

SINCERELY,

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