

Connecticut is the antique capital of the country with hundreds of dealers, auctioneers and appraisers within its borders, employing thousands of people and supporting many other local businesses. If this legislation passes, dealers and collectors will leave the state, resulting in further erosion of sales tax and income tax revenue.

Please vote NO on Bill No. 5578. The bill is a radical overreach by the government that can't be demonstrated to have any significant effect on the poaching of elephants in Africa. It is a "feel good" measure that would result in millions of wasted dollars, trampling of property rights, and damage to hundreds of small businesses across the state.

In February of 2014 President Obama signed an Executive Order which created a ban on the commercial trade of elephant ivory with limited exceptions crafted after months of study and numerous public meetings. Bill No. 5578 goes beyond Federal rules to make criminals of antique collectors and firearm collectors.

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