

I vote no on Bill No. [5578](#)

As a lifelong dealer of antiques in Ct I can assure you that all antiques dealers would like to see the end of the horrible abuse in the trade of contemporary ivory.

However the draconian measures of this bill will prevent the sale and possession of treasured items from the past.

Surely there must be a reasonable solution to protect both wildlife and the many antique items of historical importance.

Please don't throw out the baby with the bathwater.

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