

CT's pension funding, road condition, etc. is a mess, but the legislators in CT spend their time trying to make CT citizens into FELONS with their arbitrary ban on currently legal manufactured goods containing ivory. I have a pool cue collection from a famous CT pool cue maker. His cues were manufactured post 1990 and my collection has a value of approximately \$100,000. I cannot fathom why the state thinks that somehow making this collection non-marketable for me, my wife or my heirs is going to make elephants safer in Africa. The U.S. already has strong laws in this regard.

These proposed legislative actions are the equivalent of an "economic taking," not to mention a restriction on my freedom as a citizen to collect fine pool cues. Ivory has been used for many decades in fine pool cues, not just for adornment, but, importantly, due to the superior playability that an ivory joint and tip provide. This is no different than the superior sound that walrus tusk provides to the bridge of a fine acoustic guitar. In fact, I own several fine acoustic guitars with walrus tusk bridges and pins. None were manufactured before 1990. All of these guitars were manufactured in the US by fine luthiers.

I strongly oppose this legislation and would much prefer to see the elected politicians in CT work on the dismal state of our economy, entitlement funding and our roads.

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