

Dear Sirs-It is with much dismay to learn another attempt and bill to ban all ivory new and antique alike. While we are all for the protection of elephants and the stopping of the illegal ivory trade this bill would have the opposite effect by encouraging more poaching to supply new ivory to make up for the antique ivory that was wantonly destroyed. To destroy antique ivory is not only criminal but would destroy part of our heritage and beautiful works of art such as miniatures done by some of America's finest artists of the 18th and 19th centuries.

Sincerely Peter B Brown MD