

To whom it may concern,  
There are enough laws already on the books to protect "current"  
elephants from being slaughtered for their ivory.

I am a collector of antique items that have some ivory content. I  
also collect fossil tusk pieces from extinct mammoths and mastodons.  
Current state laws are typically written to ban ALL ivory without any regard as to what kind of ivory it is -  
ivory which may be hundreds or even THOUSANDS of years old. That legislation in no way will protect  
current elephants, but rather work a hardship on many innocent people.

Legislators need to use their BRAINS when enacting legislation, and  
good common sense. They should be immune to gut-reactions of  
certain (animal rights) groups that have a financial interest in animal legislation - namely groups that  
intend to encourage huge donations from good-hearted folks.

Please use good sense when considering the huge collections of "old"  
and fossil ivory. Even President John F. Kennedy had a collection of antique scrimshaw. These are items  
of beauty, and any sins of our forefathers should not hold current collectors hostage to draconian laws.

respectfully submitted,  
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