

I am in support of HB 5578. Please pass this bill. Elephants and Rhinos are being killed at an alarming rate. It is estimated that 1 elephant is killed every 15 minutes for its ivory. Lack of action could see the loss of wild elephants by 2025. DEFUND THE IVORY TRADE AND THE TERRORISTS AND CRIMINAL GANGS THAT PROFIT FROM IT. Take a look at the website [www.WildAid.org](http://www.WildAid.org) to learn more.

It's shocking that in this day and age this is still being debated in the U.S. and reading the comments in opposition of this bill, which focuses on decorative items and musical instruments is sickening. Maybe if these people could see how ivory is acquired and the damage left behind they would change their opinion. For additional information look at the website the [www.SheldrickWildlifeTrust.org](http://www.SheldrickWildlifeTrust.org).

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