

Dear Co-Chair Kennedy, Co-Chair Albis, and Honorable Members of the Environment Committee:

Please accept this as my testimony in SUPPORT of HB 5578, AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE AND TRADE OF IVORY AND RHINOCEROS HORN

I vote and this issue is vitally important to me.

I support HB5578 because it will help to stop the horrific suffering and slaughter visited on innocent elephants and rhinos by poachers.

I support this bill because it helps to address the intrastate grey areas in the laws on ivory trade, a trade which has been addressed by surrounding states, thus making CT a haven for selling ivory.

The poaching of ivory is also funding terrorism, which makes this a security issue as well.

Ivory poaching is inhumane and I urge you to pass this bill in the interest of compassion and mercy.

I do vote based upon the welfare of innocent beings,

Sincere thanks,
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