

Dear Mr. Albis, it is our strong opinion that the proposed Act that includes a total ban on any object containing ivory with no antiques or institutional exemptions would be extremely damaging to the many Connecticut residents and museums who own historical items that contain a piece of ivory, whether it be a keyhole escutcheon on an antique clock, a piece of decorative ivory on a musical instrument or furniture, etc. This act would devalue the item(s) in one's collection, rendering it impossible to sell.

We strongly urge you to vote no when this bill comes up in the committee and it not be passed on to the full legislature for a vote. Banning ivory on items of antiquity will not and does not stop the killing of elephants or other endangered animals and only harms those who intent is to preserve our heritage.

Thank you,

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