

To whom it may concern,

Many older musical instruments were produced with ivory adornments, and this group includes bagpipes. I strongly urge that these musical instruments and other like items be excluded from the ban on ivory proposed in the State Legislature (CT) and that no penalty for ownership be imposed for these culturally significant items.

With Respect,

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