

This is related to Bill SB 227 regarding ivory.

Dear Sirs and Madams,

I am writing regarding your consideration of a bill outlawing ivory in any shape or form in the state of Connecticut. I understand the desire to protect the elephants...and agree with this desire. But I believe there are already enough laws and regulations in place to do this.

To enact a new law that makes it a criminal offense to own ANYTHING containing ivory, to me, seems, like not only overkill but an example of government regulations gone out of control. There is a great deal of ivory, completely legally obtained, in the marketplace now...and to outlaw it would mean taking it away from everyone who owns it. To have our government decide what we can and cannot own gives them far too much power in a free society.

Let me give you an example. I own a sterling silver teaset with ivory insulators in the teapot and coffee pot. These keep the handles from getting hot when the pots are full. According to this new law, if I live in CT, I could be arrested for owning these?! Respectfully, I say NONSENSE! And then the government could TAKE my teaset (valued at over \$4000)?! I would use a stronger word...but I think you understand.

This is just not OK...and I strongly recommend you NOT pass this new regulation.

Oh...and if you wonder why a person in Ohio is concerned about a Connecticut law, it's because once one or two states pass this law, it will most probably be passed in more and more states. Then I AM directly affected.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or write.

Sincerely,

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