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To: Honored Chairs Sen. Cohen and Rep. Demicco and Distinguished Members of the Environment Committee

Prohibition of the import, sale and possession of elephant, lion, leopard, rhinoceros and giraffe body parts

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **IN SUPPORT of HB 5104** to prohibit the import, sale and possession of African Elephants, Lions, Leopards, Black Rhinoceros, White Rhinoceros, and Giraffes.

Trophy hunting should be illegal because animals are actually living beings and feel things. They're not targets you use at archery or toys you can rip apart, they're animals. How would you feel if a human cut you up and brought your body parts back and hung you on a wall?

We are lucky to see these animals alive. These animals will soon be like dinosaurs because they went extinct and these animals will be extinct with them. Young children will become adults and they won't be able to see an elephant in the wild. The only hope they will be able to see what elephants look like will be in videos. By the time they're extinct the videos will probably be long gone.

Thank you,
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