

To the Honorable Senator Christine Cohen, the Honorable Representative Mike Demicco, and Members of the Environment Committee:

I urge you to vote in support of HB5104, which prohibits the import, sale, and possession of African lions, leopards, elephants, giraffes, white rhinos, and black rhinos. This bill, of course, addresses trophy hunting, an endeavor that advertises the worst in ourselves. To put this bill into law is to choose a morally enlightened position that both recognizes the right of wild-living animals to live their lives unmolested by human hand and rejects the equation that privileges human self-aggrandizement over that right.

Please vote to move this bill forward. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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