

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to say it is a disgrace that we allow and help trophy hunters destroy so many species, we are all accountable. It is not acceptable and we the voters hope you will stop this tragedy and not allow the import of any of the identified animals.

- From 2005-2015, 59 trophy hunting permits were issued to Connecticut residents by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service so people could hunt and kill leopards for their trophies. Six additional permits were provided to CT residents to kill African elephants in Botswana, Tanzania and Zimbabwe. And from 2005-2016, Connecticut residents killed 39 lions and one giraffe and imported their trophies.
- The CT communities that have been issued the most permits for trophy hunting: Greenwich, North Haven, Norwalk, Berlin, Stamford, Westport, Weston, Easton, Southington, Middletown.
- The Big 5 African Trophies Act recognizes that legal trophy hunting as one of the main reasons Africa's Big Five face extinction. It sends a strong message to CT, Washington and the rest of the country that trophy hunting needs to end to protect vulnerable, threatened and endangered species who are already fighting for the lives as they face poaching and habitat loss from human development.
- Trophy hunters claim that without their money, African governments would have no money for conservation. But shooting animals full of bullets does not increase their population or expand their habitat. The newest data reveals that trophy hunting is economically useless. While the Safari Club boasts that revenues from hunting generate at least \$200 million annually in remote areas of Africa, most of the money goes to trophy hunting operators/outfitters and government agencies, many of which are corrupt. A 2013 study reveals that a measly 3 percent of expenditures goes back to African communities for conservation or development, and it's likely less than that due to corruption.

Regards,
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