



Ban Ivory trade

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Dear Hon Kenneth Leung ,

I am Toby Lam , born and raised in Hong Kong.

To my understanding there has been calls for years to discontinue the ivory trade . The very means of getting the materials to feed the trade is obvious - slaughtering the elephants to the point of distinction. The ivory products certainly not a necessity and frankly I see no reason not to ban it.

Therefore I fully support the HKSAR government ,s proposed Cap 586 Amendment Bill because I am really concerned on saving the elephants

Nevertheless I strongly oppose to compensate the traders for the reasons set out below :

- It would send a signal that the HKSAR government is buying ivory which would trigger a surge in poaching in Africa.
- It would set a bad precedence for other countries to follow
- The heritage value and traditional skills of carvers are not reason to continue the trade.
- The traders and carvers have over two decades to prepare and adapt and /or switch to other trades.

Sincerely Yours

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