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Ivory Ban
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Dear Legislative Council Secretariat and Members of the Legislative Council:

I am writing to express my deep concern for the survival of African Elephants. Each day approximately 100 elephants are killed for their ivory tusks. Ivory-seeking poachers have killed 100,000 African elephants in just three years. At this rate of poaching, our elephants are facing extinction within 10 years.

I believe it is our duty to take action to prevent the extinction of the elephant! Elephants are vital to other species of African wildlife, they open forest land and create firebreaks and grassland, create water access and disperse seeds that enhance tree diversity. Not to mention the fact that elephants are extremely intelligent and emotional beings that are bonded to their families.

There is a growing international movement to raise awareness and to be a voice for the elephants. Many organizations and people around the world are in favor of an ivory ban. Hong Kong remains a hub for the trade in ivory as a location for carving, selling, and smuggling. This chamber holds the power to demand freedom from bloodshed and criminality that harms both human society and animal populations.

If we let the elephants become extinct, what does that say about us as human beings. We are supposed to be the superior species, and yet it seems to be our nature to destroy so much of our world. We cannot be the generation that lets elephants go extinct. Please do the right thing and pass the strongest possible laws against buying, selling, and trading ivory.

Best regards, Cynthia Gregory Registration No. 285F0D72