



Supporting the ivory ban bill
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Dear Hon Kenneth Leung,

Public Hearing on September 6th 2017: Cap 586 Amendment Bill

I am Carrie Sun, a permanent resident of Hong Kong. I have been raised up in Hong Kong and am now part of the Education industry of Hong Kong.

Regarding the issue of the Hong Kong Government's proposed Cap 586 Amendment Bill, I am writing to express my full support of the Ivory trade ban due to reasons such as the demand for ivory is no longer part of Hong Kong's modern society. Nowadays, most ivory items that were widely desired or sought after, such as jewellery, eating utensils, decorations, ornaments et cetera, have been replaced with plastic or other durable (animal friendly) materials. There is absolutely no need for ivory in Hong Kong. By Hong Kong acting as a port for the ivory trade, we are condoning the act of illegal trade. We need to close this port to stand strong with other countries whom also support wildlife conservation. There are strength in numbers.

In Hong Kong's education, we educate our children to have respect for others, respect our environment, as well as educating about human necessities. The ivory trade does not follow those teachings, in fact it violates it. It teaches our future generation that our human needs are more important than other species - where is our compassion? By doing nothing to stop the massacre, it will affect entire food webs and in turn will affect our future generation and environment. The loss of multiple species of elephants will affect our children's education, compassion and understanding of wild life and natural environments.

While supporting the government's three-step plan to ban the Hong Kong ivory trade, I absolutely do not support any proposition to compensate traders or buy out their stocks. Why should there be compensation for these wealthy ivory traders through tax payers hard earned dollars?

This proposed compensation would trigger a faux surge in demand for ivory which would result in a tragic surge of poaching in Africa.

This ivory ban should not be affecting the livelihoods of carvers and traders due to the fact that they've had over two decades to diversify or switch trades since they've international ban.

Please reinforce this ivory ban without compensation for the ivory traders. Penalties should be dolled out to those who still partake in this dead market.

Sincerely Yours,

Carrie Sun