



Please Ban All Ivory

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To the Honorable Tanya Chan,

I am a professor of animal behavior who teaches a class on elephant conservation. I'm also the advisor of the Elephant Conservation club on our campus. Students spend hours educating others about the plight of elephants, and even more hours shedding tears and worrying over their demise due to ivory poaching.

I fully support Hong Kong's proposed legislation to prohibit the import, re-export and possession of pre-Convention ivory for commercial purposes, as well as increased penalties for wildlife crimes. Please reject any amendment that would include any type of compensation for ivory traders. No jurisdiction that has passed a ban on ivory sales has included this provision.

I write as someone who cares deeply about elephants, who are being driven toward extinction because of the ivory trade. The action you take now will determine the future of elephants, and whether coming generations will share the planet with these intelligent, self-aware and sensitive animals.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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