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Dear LEGCO Panel,

I am writing to you because I strongly believe that Hong Kong should ban ivory.

People might think this is not important, but to me it is extremely important to protect these innocent elephants that are getting killed for ivory.

Elephants are getting butchered and their tusks are getting hacked off, as you are reading this letter. They're already rapidly decreasing!!

Just imagine the kids at the next generations not ever knowing elephants as a live animal!

Do you know hey could help humans detect earthquakes, and help to eat trees to avoid overgrowing forests. Why do we kill them when they are not harming, but helping us? Why do we actually need ivory? I mean ivory is not even an important resource for anything at all! people that have ivory things for display because it is so "beautiful" are not smart.

Maybe when you look at the beautiful display you might begin to think of the poor elephant that died to only make a statue of ivory

Animals lives are no different to human lives. Would you kill a human for a thousand dollars? No! If we can protect other endangered animals, then let's do it for the elephants!

I SUPPORT the Hong Kong Government's Ivory Ban now and not wait for 5 more years because elephants don't deserve this!

I, of course strongly agree that the government should increase the penalties for wildlife crime,. If you only ban ivory in Hong Kong and have no penalty for it, then people will keep doing it, The penalty is left for LEGCO to decide. But I suggest you have a big penalty, not a small one, because if it were a small, for example a \$5000 dollar money penalty, then people will still do it, like with the No Smoking sign. eople still do it secretly because the fine isn't harsh enough.. If you make a bigger penalty people that sell ivory will stop importing it in, Why should HK government give them money to "calm" them down? All the ivory sellers and importers only think about money but not for the animals they are killing!I. I hope you understand how important this is.

Yours sincerely,

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