

## Ban on Ivory Trade Laurence Lieu to: panel\_ea

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To whom it may concern,

I am a Hong Kong citizen who is currently living abroad. I am writing to express my opinions on the ivory ban.

First, I would like to see an immediate ban on any ivory trade, or the sooner the better. The ivory traders have had already a couple of decades to phase out the stock they had. Obviously, part of their stocks are not from legal source. The authority should also take action to enforce once they are confirmed to be from legitimate origins.

And, I strongly believe that the traders should NOT be compensated in any form. It is a law to protect the endangered species and prevent the extinction - it is a worldwide trend. Everyone has the obligation not to offend the laws, even if new. They should not be compensated for their, in the future, illegal goods.

Thank you for your attention.

Regards,

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