

Written Comments received via email

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RE: H.297

Dear Sirs,

Greetings! I hope this finds you well. We thank you for your worthy efforts in sponsoring and considering H.297!

PLEASE SUPPORT H207. Ivory is (primarily) the outcome of poaching. The unmitigated and relentless poaching of African elephants. It is well established that poaching (also) sponsors terrorism.

I am a resident of both Hawaii and California and I write on behalf of all victims, human and animal alike, of the horrific poaching crisis in Africa. Poaching sponsors terrorism, kills 35,000+ elephants each year, 100 a day and an astounding 1 every fifteen minutes; The elephant, a keystone species and Earth's grandest terrestrial herbivore is slated for extinction in the wilds of Africa within 10 years. Amongst the human victims of poaching are the 1000+ rangers who were murdered in the line of duty in the past 10 years alone.

It is also well established that the killing of critically endangered wild animals and the sale of their body parts is funding terrorism - which includes the recent Westgate mall attack and the killing of innocent human victims in Nairobi, Kenya.

A compassionate, progressive and dynamic state, a state of by and for the people, I am confident Vermont will do the right thing by Earth's last elephants, the people of the continent of Africa and the people of the world.

I thank you for your time and efforts and thank you (again) for taking initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly.

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