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Dear David L. Deen.

I am writing to support the bill, H. 297. The reason I support this bill is because I think it is unfair and unnecessary for these elephants to die. Elephants are an important species. They are a touristic attraction and provide jobs for people. Without them, many other species that rely on them for things like keeping grassy plains from becoming woodlands, would be harmed.

96 Elephants are killed on a daily basis, and since 2002, the Congo basin rainforest has lost three-quarters of it's elephants. The demand of ivory from elephant tusks has sky-rocketed, and the number of elephants has nosedived. 34 years ago, in 1980, there were 1,200,000 African elephants roaming free. In 2012, the count was 420,000. At this rate, elephants face near extinction in the next 10 years. Is this an appropriate sacrifice to make? 70% of this ivory goes to little trinkets!

Elephants need their tusks to live, whereas we don't. Taking them away, along with their lives is cruel. It is purely for our benefit. They die slow and painful deaths from being poisoned, maimed etc... all to make money? It isn't right, and it needs to be stopped. We have to save this species before they go extinct. Before it's too late!

Best Regards,

Elle Fishman

3/19/15

Dear David Deen,

I am writing to support Bill H. 297. I have been hearing a lot about elephants being killed and poached for their ivory. I love these friendly giants and very much want to help them as much as possible! We as people can not waste this opportunity to help these elephants pass.

Elephants are living creatures, and so are we. Instead of ~~of going out and~~ killing such beautiful animals for their tusks, why can't we just help them. They have done no harm to us! We need to pass this bill!

If we do not act fast, in about 10 years we will not have anymore elephants to save. We need to fight as hard as we possibly can to help these elephants get their populations back up as soon as possible. I love these animals and I do not want them to go extinct!

We can't let 96 elephants be killed every day just for their ivory. Buying and selling ivory should not happen! We need to stop hurting and start helping the elephants!

Sincerely,
Taegen Yardley

Jasmine

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Dear David Deen,

I am writing to support bill H. 297. I support this bill because I don't think that elephants should have to die for things that are not necessary in this world. ~~Ninety~~ Approximately, ninety six elephants die each day for the ivory in their tusks.

The poachers trap, shoot, and kill all of the innocent elephants just for their ivory. If people keep killing these elephants, they will be extinct. The other animals rely on the elephants to live. When the elephants walk around, they step on trees and plants, so if elephants go extinct the grass might get too high and the animals can't really get anywhere. It also makes for a good spot for predators to hide and get their food, which could take out a lot of the species.

I think that people should stop poaching the elephants. There are so many getting killed everyday, soon they will cease to exist. I think that it is a horrible thing to do. I wish that one day people will make the right decision and stop poaching the elephants.

Sincerely,

Jasmine Crowe

3/23/15

Dear David L. Deen,

Dear David Deen,

I am writing to support the bill, H. 297. I was recently educated on the subject of how elephants get killed for their ivory. I strongly support this bill because I think it is crazy how these harmless animals have to die. Why do these animals deserve such cruelty? They have to go through such harm just so greedy humans can accumulate money. It is not right, so please make it stop.

Did you realize that 96 elephants are killed daily for their tusks? Africa is littered with elephant bodies that suffered gruesome deaths. Since 2002, three quarters of the elephant population in the Congo Basin has been wiped out.

Elephants don't deserve to die. Nobody should be allowed to do such a thing and elephants should be allowed to live peacefully. We need to act before it is too late. Please Help The Elephants! Please!

Sincerely,
Kendall Muzzy

Dear David Deen,

3/20/15

I am writing to support bill H. 297. It is a great bill because not only will it save elephant lives but some humans too. Many lives rely on elephants to help their habitat. If we try to keep Ivory from not flowing it will help. Also to pass the bill in VT.

These elephants have to also go through so much to make a bracelet. Imagine your face getting chainsawed off by some crazy person. Only that happens to an elephant every fifteen minutes.

Supporting this bill will save innocent lives. Please help the animals.

Drew Strabeck

Dear David Deen,

I am writing because I hope that you will support Bill H. 297. I hope that you also pass it with no loopholes that poachers could trade through. The African Elephant population has declined by 76% since 2002. Also the U.S is number two in the ivory trade behind China who looks up to us. If we become the third domino (state) to pass this law hopefully many other states will follow in Vermont's footsteps. (do that too.)

When antique dealers and gunshops say oh we are going to go out of business, we have proof that they won't. The largest antique dealer in the state said that they will not touch ivory or sell it. The largest piano manufacturer in New Jersey says that it went through the ivory thing and is still in business.

I think though that what pains me to think about the most is that 96 elephants are killed every day for a tiny little trinket. I don't want to see these amazing and beautiful creatures die and many people agree.

Thank You
Remy C. Schulz

Dear David I Deen,

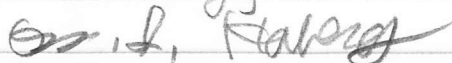
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March 17, 2015

I am writing to support the bill H.297. The reason I support this bill is because the rate of elephant slaughter is, in my opinion, simply mind-blowing. 96 elephants are killed per day - one every 15 minutes. That's 35,000 elephants killed in a year. Africa is running out of elephants. In 10 years, they'll could be extinct!

Many non-profit organizations are trying to help the elephants in Africa. There is a way we can help, too. We can stop all ivory trade in Vermont, following the examples of New York + New Jersey. Stopping all ivory trade in Vermont is a good thing because that would mean we would be one step closer to banning ivory trade in the U.S. Once we do that, hopefully China will follow our example, China + the U.S. are the world's top ivory consumers.

I think that it is important to stop the trade of ivory in Vermont because if we lower the availability of ivory, hopefully there will be less demand for it, + so less "need" to kill all or those elephants. I would really like to see this bill passed.

Sincerely,



Grade 7, Endeavour Middle School

March 19, 2015

Dear David Deen,

I am writing to support Bill H. 297. It hurts me to know that 96 elephants are killed a day. That's just bad and no one can argue with that.

By selling ivory people are supporting the slow and painful death of an elephant. I don't see how someone can sell or buy ivory and know that an elephant was killed.

These beautiful animals are going extinct. We can't let that happen. Stop the trade. Don't let people get away with selling ivory. All states should ban the sales of ivory. Please do something, I don't want to see these animals go away.

Sincerely,
Charlie Harder

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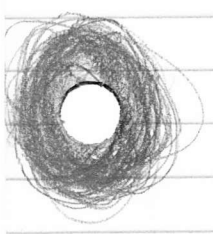
Dear David Dean,

I am writing to support bill H. 297.
Really its not just poor farmers trying to find food for their family its terrorist groups trying to just make an unfair buck. The killing must be stopped, the poor 96 elephants that are killed a day. THIS bill must be passed!!

The terrorist groups are unfair and heartless, I mean really what did the elephants do to them?, eat there grass? it is so unfair and cruel! lets pass this bill!

Can't we help them????

- sincerely Jack Fushman



March 19, 2015

Dear David Deen

I am writing to support bill H. 297. I want to support bill H. 297 because I think it's sad that 96 elephants die a day and just for their tusks.

I think it's crazy that elephants are killed for their tusks and the tusks are used to make useless things. Elephants are really cool animals and in 10 years they will be extinct, if we don't do anything about it.

If the elephants go extinct the ecosystem would crash and 100 animals would die and the grass lands would turn into forests. 76% of the elephant population has gone down since 2002 is this how we want the future generations to know us?

Sincerely Jack

March 17, 2015

Dear David L. Deen,

I am writing to you to support the H. 297 bill on Ivory and the trading of Ivory in the USA. Did you know that every 15 minutes an elephant is killed, and 96 elephants are killed every day? Well I do and I want it to be stopped or at least banned in the US. These elephants are being poached for their tusks to make brackets and other trinkets. In recent studies the African elephant will be extinct in 10 years.

This study also means that all the species that the elephants help thrive will also go extinct. That means many birds, mammals and small reptants including elephants will have to go extinct over some brackets! Do you think this is right? Many people will also lose their jobs like ecotourism and many safari guides.

Do you want your kids or grand kids living in a world without elephants or many other species, only to see these scellions in a museum. Well I don't, I want people many generations after me to enjoy the beauty of elephants.

Please pass the word

P.S. I love fish, as well my favorite is the Sargeant major. What's yours?

from -
Hannah from
"Endeavor"

Dear David L Deen,

I am writing to support the bill, H.297.

The reason I support this bill is because I want poacher to stop killing elephants. I also think killing elephants just for ivory is ridiculous. I personally think elephants are amazing animals and should be kept alive.

I read an article in class about these ongoing killings in Africa. Some of the facts I learn are that 96 elephants are killed every day. Another fact is that in 1989 killing elephants and doing anything with ivory was banned. Also 35,000 elephants are killed every year that means in ten years elephants will be gone.

Earlier the day I was writing this a woman came in and talked about elephant killings. She said that 70% of elephants tusks are used for little useless objects. Isn't that silly, most of the objects go to China.

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The woman talked also talked about how she devoted her life to helping elephants.

best wishes,

Liam
Geary

Dear David L. Deen,

I am writing to support the bill, H. 297. The reason I support this bill is because the ivory trade is an atrocity that needs to be stopped. H. 297 is a stepping stone to that journey. Every day, 96 elephants are killed for their teeth. If 1 human a day was killed for their teeth there would already be bans in every state across America.

This bill will help stem the demands and put pressure on other states to do the same. Since 1980, the African elephant's population had been reduced by 75%. And it's not just farmers trying to feed their families, it's mostly terrorists looking for an easy buck.

If the elephants go extinct, the whole savanna ecosystem will be destroyed and over 100 other species will die as well. It would also destroy Africa's

tourism market. This would devastate Africa. Why should
we let all of this happen because of trinkets. That is where
70% of Ivory goes to. Ban ivory.

Sincerely,
Jackson Neme