

Written Comment received via email

April 17th

RE: H.297

Hello Colchester representatives,

I am a longtime Colchester resident and owner of a classic 1908 grand piano with ivory keys. I strongly support including an exemption for pianos as part of House Bill H297, which would restrict the sale of products with ivory. Such an exemption is included in similar State of New York legislation. Piano keys have not been made with ivory for 40 years. The slaughter of elephants is horrific, and I support the bill, but I do not see how banning the sale of older pianos with ivory keys will improve the situation in Africa.

It does not appear that there are any Colchester reps on the Fish, Wildlife and Water Resources committee reviewing H297. However, I wanted to make my opinion known to you if the bill comes up for discussion/vote in the full House.

Thanks for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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