

WRITTEN COMMENT received via email

April 8, 2015

RE: H.297

I am writing to you on behalf of this proposed legislation that may help save the lives of elephants and rhinos. I am an avid reader of the National Geographic Magazine and have just read that Ashely McAvey will be addressing Vermont's Fish and Wildlife Committee tomorrow, April 8th. This is a complex problem that is human made. Since we have the knowledge of this problem that "us" humans have created, I believe it is our responsibility to address the causes, educate the public, implore those who value "things" made from these tusks or horns to find a different material from which to create their treasured trinkets, and to speak up and be a part of the solution. By moving forward this legislation, Vermont can lead the way in yet another important and complex challenge facing these majestic mammals. If we do not do all that we can, these mammals will be extinct in my lifetime.

I do not know Ashley but I support her efforts towards the goal of saving these majestic mammals. I ask that this committee to accept this proposed legislation and move it forward to become legislation.

Please share my letter with the committee as another voice in favor of Vermont taking action to better the lives of others.

Sincerely,

Kim Mihan