From: Allen R. Sandico FRGS <ceo@tusktaskforce.org> Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 11:48 PM Subject: [External] PLEASE PASS H.99/S.29

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Dear Fellow Vermonter,

Wildlife trafficking, the fourth largest illegal trade in the world, is an escalating \$20 billion a year global crisis. The heinous poaching and trade of body parts is pushing many iconic animals, such as elephants, rhinos and giraffes, to the brink of extinction. While federal law attempts to limit the international trade of these animals, it does nothing to regulate sales once the animal parts have been smuggled into the United States through loopholes on the federal level.

Vermonters say NO MORE.

There is still time to save the remaining wild animals and help them recover, but we need your influence to act NOW! We must pass legislation in Vermont to restrict the sale of products and parts from imperiled wildlife species, joining the now 10 other states that have already enacted similar laws.

Please pass H.99/S.29 THIS SPRING!

As a graduate of Norwich University and your fellow Vermonter, I appeal to your common sense and compassion to finally pass this law in our great state of Vermont. You will be hearing from me to follow-up in support of this bill to pass and then on to Governor Scott's desk.

Respectfully Submitted, /s/ Allen R. Sandico FRGS Founder, CEO Tusk Task Force

Tusk Task Force is the wildlife conservation NGO on a global security mission to abolish all exploitation of wildlife and end the Extinction Economy worldwide. As a multifaceted organization that engages an asymmetrical global threat of exploitation, terrorism, and violence to wildlife and people, our strategic plan has five scalable and sustainable key elements: Conservation, Partnerships, Intelligence, Science, and Engagement. We accomplish our mission through our three-pronged methodology of influencing public policy, developing economic alternatives, and augmenting existing on-field protection operations worldwide with our allies and stakeholders. Our recent victories, in supporting our mission to end the Extinction Economy, includes lobbying in multiple state legislatures in the United States of America; and consultations with the European Council of the European Union, with the Government of the Republic of South Africa, and with the British Commonwealth realms in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom.



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