Banning Ivory Sales in Massachusetts

Help save elephants and rhinos by making it illegal to buy or sell ivory in Massachusetts.

You can write a letter like the one below to your state senator and state representative, or go to the Humane Society’s website and fill out an on-line form in support of the bill:

[www.humanesociety.org](http://www.humanesociety.org)

To find your state legislators, go to: https://malegislature.gov/People/Search

Dear Representative,

As your constituent and a resident of [city or town], I’m writing to ask you to support S440/H1275 to ban the sale of ivory and rhino horns in Massachusetts.

Elephants and rhinos are in big trouble. More than 30,000 elephants were killed by poachers last year, and central Africa has lost more than 60% of its elephant population to poaching in the last ten years. President Obama and animal rights groups are working hard to save elephants and rhinos from extinction. You can help by shutting down the market for ivory and rhino horn here in Massachusetts.

S440/H1275 would ban the purchase, sale, offering for sale or possession with intent to sell ivory, rhino horn and their products. People only kill elephants and rhinos because their horns are worth a lot of money. There is false information out there saying that ground up elephant horn can cure cancer, and also people buy figures carved out of ivory. Because it’s worth so much money, terrorist groups are even getting involved in killing elephants and rhinos. The market for ivory products in the United States is a big part of the problem. Passing a law of ban the sale or trade of ivory in Massachusetts would make a difference, and it would give the authorities the power to stop criminal activity.

We don’t have much time, because elephants and rhinos are being killed off so quickly. Please actively support S440/H1275 so that we as a state can do our part to save these amazing animals.

Sincerely,