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From: Brandy Varvel <Brandy@kauaihumane.org>
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2014 1:07 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Support HB 2183

Aloha,

I urge you to support HB2183.

The ONLY way to protect elephants-- who are being massacred by the tens of thousands each year, is to prohibit the sale of their tusks/teeth.

Mahalo,

Brandy Varvel

Shelter Operations Manager

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2014 6:20 PM
To: edbtestimony
Cc: NITEANGEL_BABY@YAHOO.COM
Subject: *Submitted testimony for HB2153 on Jan 31, 2014 09:00AM*

HB2153

Submitted on: 1/31/2014

Testimony for EDB on Jan 31, 2014 09:00AM in Conference Room 312

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leona	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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From: Cindy Gregory <cindyatnc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 4:13 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Total Ban of Ivory!

With respect,

I ask that you please support a total ban of ivory in Hawaii and the United States! One elephant is killed every 15 minutes for its ivory - a true and devastating statistic. Please take a stand for the sake of the elephants, and place a total ban on ivory in Hawaii!!

Thank you!

Cindy Gregory

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From: Nigel Goodman <ngg@gaea.co.uk>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 4:20 AM
To: edbtestimony
Cc: Rachel Wong
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183

Hawaii, as the second largest retailer of ivory in the nation, has the chance to protect elephants from their continued massacre for the blood ivory trade – an estimated 30,000 died in 2013 - in ~ 10 years they will be extinct just to provide IVORY as trinkets - how can humanity accept it ?

PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183

Nigel Goodman

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From: Teresa Davinson <teeda_74@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 4:36 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB2183

PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183 which, if passed, would ban import, sell, offer to sell, or possess with intent to sell any ivory product.

This is a global crisis and Hawaii can take the national lead in protecting elephants!

Please support this ban, it's so important for the elephants who could be extinct in 10-12 years. The only place ivory belongs is on an elephant! Please help by supporting HB2183.

Thank you so much,
Teresa Bradford

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From: nicolelauren33 <nicolelauren33@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 5:52 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Elephants and their Rightful tusks

Hawaii, as the second largest retailer of ivory in the nation, has the chance to protect PRECIOUS ELEPHANTS from their continued massacre for the blood ivory trade!

PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183 which, when passed, will ban import, sell, offer to sell, or possess with intent to sell any ivory product.

Elephants are SENTIENT BEINGS and like the Earth, we must Respect them NOW!

Save Elephants and you Save Humanity,

Nicole Schrank, MSW
LONG ISLAND, New York, America

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From: sandvr@talktalk.net
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 6:18 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: *****SPAM***** SUPPORT HB2183

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

I am sending you an email from London, I was told about Hawaii where the ivory trade is very bit.

As you know the elephants [and rhino for their horns] are being massacred at a great speed.

Please could you help and support the HB2183 , any little or big steps are urgently needed to save those beautiful animals.

Thank you in advance for reading my email.

Kind regards

Sandrine Vives-Rotger

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From: Mike Paredes <mike.paredes@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 6:28 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183 to ban ivory: help end the elephant poaching emergency

Mike Paredes
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House Committee on Economic Development & Business
State of Hawaii

Dear Committee Members

Please support HB 2183 to ban ivory sales in Hawaii. There is an elephant poaching emergency going on in Africa, a full-on crisis, with 35,000 killed for their tusks last year alone. 1 elephant is killed every 15 minutes. The fact that "old" , or pre-1989 ban ivory is still allowed to be bought and sold is what is wiping out this species. It is too difficult and expensive to tell the difference between old ivory and new ivory. This loophole will cause the extinction of elephants by 2025-a species that has walked the earth for millions of years!

Please, be the leader in the global movement to ban ivory-others will surely follow, and elephants can be saved.

My wife is a dancer in a halau here in Maryland, and we are very connected with Hawaii and Hawaiian culture. I recently bought her a watch from Na Hoku jewelers, after assuring that the wood used in the watch was sustainable. The Na Hoku representative who I spoke to explained the dedication to the environment that many business owners there have. This is so appreciated and I hope that you will take the lead and ban ivory in Hawaii-the second largest ivory market in the U.S.

Thanks so much for your attention and consideration

Sincerely,

Mike Paredes

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From: Maria Mossman <mariamossman@rocketmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 6:36 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Ban the ivory Trade

Hello,

I am emailing as the founder of a grass roots elephant group Action for Elephants UK.

We have formed because we can no longer stand back and watch the world do nothing when elephants are being massacred in their tens of thousands.

An elephant is killed every 15 minutes for their tusks... nothing more, so it can be made into a trinket.

I urge you, beg you to support HB2183 ban in the ivory trade.

African elephants will not survive, if the world carries on ignoring the poaching crisis.. USA is the second largest consumer of ivory and needs to send out a strong message to the rest of the world.

China is the first and we have already been to the Chinese embassy asking for a complete ban in trade.. our demonstration made all the national news papers here in the UK, where the elephant crisis is rising in the news.

With the world summit against the wild life trade approaching on 13th February, which we will also be demonstrating outside.. It is time for world leaders to start taking action and not just words.

Please back the HB2183. The poaching of ivory funds terrorist, destroys families, has killed over 1000 rangers protecting them, and shows a moral and unethical stance on how this world is not taking action to protect wildlife.

I look forward to hearing back from you and hope Hawaii leads the way in the USA.

Maria Mossman
Action for elephants UK

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 7:24 AM
To: edbtestimony
Cc: octopus@maui.net
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB2183 on Feb 4, 2014 08:30AM

HB2183

Submitted on: 2/1/2014

Testimony for EDB on Feb 4, 2014 08:30AM in Conference Room 312

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rene Umberger	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Tsuji and Committee Members, Mahalo for giving this measure your full consideration. Please protect this majestic wildlife by taking firm action to prevent illegal ivory possession and sale.

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From: Joanne <joanne_ibbitson@btinternet.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 8:30 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Ivory Ban

Importance: High

Dear Sirs

I write from the United Kingdom as a concerned elephant lover to ask that you support HB2183 at the House Committee meeting on Tuesday, 4th February.

You must be aware of the horrific rise in elephant poaching over the last few years, with the equivalent of one elephant being slaughtered every 15 minutes. At the current rate, elephants will be extinct by the year 2025. You will also be aware of the growing concern around the world which has culminated in our country in the Summit for Wildlife to be hosted by Princes Charles and William on 12th and 13th February.

I understand that Hawaii is the second largest retailer of ivory in the United States. An ivory ban would be an enormous help in the fight to save these magnificent creatures from extinction. PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING AND ENFORCE AN IMMEDIATE BAN. Not only will you be saving these gentle, intelligent creatures from horrific deaths, you will be helping in the fight against terrorism as ivory blood money is also being used to fund terrorist organisations such as Al Shabaab.

Yours faithfully

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England

2:25pm Feb 1

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From: Margaret Sueoka <feathers03@me.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 9:41 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please SUPPORT HB2183 to Protect Elephants

Please act to prohibit the sale of ivory.
thank you,
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From: Sharon Cohen <slcohen312@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 10:29 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT IVORY BAN IN HAWAII

PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183 which calls for ivory trade ban. This is a global crisis and Hawaii can take the national lead in protecting elephants!

Thank you.

Sharon Cohen
USA

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From: Stacy Davis <stcdvs6@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 10:59 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please support HB 2183 to ban ivory sales in Hawaii

Dear Committee Members

Please support HB 2183 to ban ivory sales in Hawaii. There is an elephant poaching emergency going on in Africa and Asia, a full-on crisis, with 35,000 killed for their tusks last year alone. 1 elephant is killed every 15 minutes. The fact that "old", or pre-1989 ban ivory is still allowed to be bought and sold is what is wiping out this species. It is too difficult and expensive to tell the difference between old ivory and new ivory. This loophole will cause the extinction of elephants by 2025-a species that has walked the earth for millions of years!

Please, be the leader in the global movement to ban ivory-others will surely follow, and elephants can be saved.

Thanks so much for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

Stacy Davis
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From: advocatshawaii@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 11:06 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: House Bill 2183 to Prohibit the Sale of Ivory

Hawaii is the 2nd largest retailer of ivory in the nation. We may only save the elephant by prohibiting the sale of their parts-- IVORY, which is what drives the massacre of these highly intelligent and sentient animals.

Tens of thousands of elephants are poached ever year for their tusks.
Scientists estimate that the African Elephant may be extinct in as few as 20 years due to current rate of killing.

Current federal laws are inadequate and contain many loopholes. By passing this law, Hawaii has the chance to be a GLOBAL leader in elephant conservation!

Thank you for your support.

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From: Carol Chang <clcchang3@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 11:38 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please SUPPORT HB2183 to Protect Elephants

WHAT A BARBARIC THING TO DO AND STOP IT DAMN IT JUST STOP IT IF WE CAN MAKE FUR WE CAN CERTAINLY MAKE FAKE IVORY CAN'T TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE REAL DIAMONDS AND THE SIMULATED ONES HUMMM WONDER WHAT WE CAN TAKE FROM YOU I HEAR TELL ABOUT HEALTHY HUMANS BEING KIDNAPPED FOR THEIR MISC ORGANS I CAN ONLY HOPE HAVE A NICE DAY NOW AND I THINK I KNOW WHERE YOU LIVE

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From: ashley prout <ashleyprout@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 11:50 AM
To: edbtestimony
Cc: ashley prout
Subject: PLEASE SAVE THE ELEPHANTS!

Hawaii, as the 2nd largest retailer of ivory in the nation, has the chance to protect elephants from their continued massacre for the blood ivory trade. I ask you to please **SUPPORT HB2183**. This is a global crisis and Hawaii can take the national lead in protecting elephants!

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From: Ellen Jacobs <emjacobs2001@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 12:28 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: banning ivory in Hawaii

Hello,

I am writing to let you know I support banning all ivory sales in our fine state of Hawaii.

Having spent 4 years in E. Africa, I know first hand the thrill of encountering a herd of elephants. I want my children to encounter the same.

Ivory sales help support terrorism. With this ban in effect, we are doing more than just protecting these magnificent creatures. We are also saving human lives by reducing the funds to support terrorism.

Please, let's make a difference and ban ivory.

thank you,

ellen jacobs

Smile on....

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From: Laurie Pottish <pottishl001@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 2:23 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please SUPPORT HB2183 to Protect Elephants

Aloha:

Hawaii is the 2nd largest retailer of ivory in the nation. We can only save the elephant by prohibiting the sale of their parts, i.e. IVORY which is what drives the massacre of these highly intelligent and sentient animals. Tens of thousands of elephants are poached every year for their tusks (teeth). Scientists estimate that the African Elephant may be extinct in as few as 20 years due to current rate of killing. Current federal laws are inadequate and contain many loopholes. By passing this law, Hawaii has the chance to be a GLOBAL leader in elephant conservation!

Please do the right thing and support HB2183.

Mahalos,
Laurie Pottish
Pukalani, Hi

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From: sffarms@shaw.ca
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 2:29 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Fw: HB2183

From: sffarms@shaw.ca
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 4:27 PM
To: reptsuji@capitol.hawaii.go
Subject: HB2183

Dear Sirs -

Aloha from a resident of Vancouver Island in British Columbia, Canada, and a frequent visitor to Anini Beach on Kauai.

I am writing to implore you to support HB2183. Ivory is a product of poaching; virtually all ivory marketed today was obtained through the relentless and brutal poaching of African elephants. However, poaching is not just a threat to the survival of an iconic African species; it brings death and destruction to people on a global scale, as well. The recent terrorist attack at Westgate Mall in Nairobi, Kenya, that resulted in the death of scores of innocent shoppers is thought to have been funded by the sale of just two elephant tusks. Terrorists are using poaching as a means of funding their arms purchases, the results of which we see in smaller-scale, but no less bloody, terrorist attacks worldwide on "soft" targets such as malls and other gathering places for people going about and enjoying their daily lives.

I wholeheartedly and vigorously support the efforts by HSUS to ban the ivory trade in your beautiful state, which is sadly a leading destination for poached ivory in the USA, along with New York and San Francisco. I am hoping that in your wisdom and compassion, you will try and do what you can to save the lives of Africa's last elephants, and doing so help the people of Africa, the rest of the world, and indeed the beautiful State of Hawaii, by helping to discourage a major source of funding for some of the world's most bloodthirsty terrorists.

Poaching claims an African elephant's life every 15 minutes. Along with the poached elephant's death, many members of that elephant's immediate family are often condemned to death as well, through starvation and lack of the leadership so essential to an elephant family's survival in often very challenging conditions. Many African nations depend on wildlife tourism to support their fragile economies (Kenya's wildlife tourism industry amounts to 12% of GDP). Without the African elephant as an irresistible draw, many or most of the tourists would stay home. At the present rate of extermination, the African elephant will be extinct in the wild by 2025. If we wish to preserve this species which has survived everything the world has thrown at it for millennia, but is now struggling to survive US, we have little time left to act.

I also encourage you to support vigorous prosecution of all those who sponsor and promote the escalation of poaching, which would require that Hawaiian law enforcement be equipped with the education and resources necessary to apprehend those involved in the blood ivory

trade within Hawaii. Hawaii is America's gateway to the East, and as such can be a beacon for the rest of America in taking a strong and unequivocal stand against this devastating criminal enterprise.

Thank you for your time to consider my concerns and hear my plea. I look very forward to our next visit to your beautiful state in April of this year.....

Mahalo nui loa.....

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From: Suzanne Kerr <suzkerr13@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 3:08 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: THANK YOU !!! ... For Banning Ivory.

Dear Sirs,

Aloha from a resident of the United Kingdom Of Great Britain.

PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183! Ivory is (primarily) the outcome of poaching. The unmitigated and relentless poaching of African elephants. It is also well established that poaching sponsors terrorism. I am urging your committee to encourage enforcing a total ban on the trade and importation of ivory (whether raw or vanity) in and to the state of Hawaii.

It is with great pride and much aloha that I support this effort by the HSUS to ban the ivory trade in the Aloha State, unfortunately a "top" ivory market in the USA, possibly next only to New York and perhaps ahead of San Francisco.

A compassionate, progressive and dynamic state, a state of by and for the people, I am confident the Aloha state will do the right thing by Earth's last elephants, the people of the continent of Africa, the people of the world and the people of Hawaii.

I write on behalf of all victims, human and animal alike, of the horrific poaching crisis in Africa. Poaching sponsors terrorism, kills 35,000+ elephants each year, 100 a day and an astounding 1 every fifteen minutes; The elephant, a keystone species and Earth's grandest terrestrial herbivore is slated for extinction in the wilds of Africa within 10 years. Amongst the human victims of poaching are the 1000+ rangers who were murdered in the line of duty in the past 10 years alone.

I also humbly ask that you support vigorous prosecution of those who engage in activities that sponsor, promote and escalate poaching; to this end, I recommend that the state of Hawaii furnish its law enforcement personnel with the resources required to expose, mitigate and end the trade in ivory within Hawaii; It is well established that the killing of wild animals and the sale of their body parts is funding terrorism - which includes the recent Westgate mall attack and the killing of innocent human victims in Nairobi, Kenya. As global citizens, as the gateway to the east, the Aloha state and USA must take on a strong and unequivocal leadership role to end the ivory trade immediately.

I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
Suzanne Kerr
Lowestoft, UK.

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From: Maho Cwejman <mahomasuda@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 3:28 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183!

Dear Sir,

Aloha

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Kind regards,

Maho Cwejman
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From: hawaiidogmom@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 3:36 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please SUPPORT HB2183 to Protect Elephants

Please vote for HB2183. Thank you. Stephanie McLaughlin, 95-310 Haakualiki Place, Mililani, Hawaii, 96789, phone 808-3844764, email: hawaiidogmom@gmail.com

Sent from Windows Mail

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From: i AM 3sD <abortanimalabuse@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 4:09 PM
To: Felicia P.
Subject: Re: supporting HB2183 banning of the Ivory Trade

Dear To Whom It May Concern,

Aloha from a resident of Las Vegas, NV - USA

PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183! Ivory is (primarily) the outcome of poaching. The unmitigated and relentless poaching of African elephants. It is also well established that poaching sponsors terrorism. I am urging your committee to encourage enforcing a total ban on the trade and importation of ivory (whether raw or vanity) in and to the state of Hawaii.

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I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Sincerely,

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From: Hale Anderson <hale1005@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 4:10 PM

Dear Sirs,

Aloha from a resident of California:

PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183!

The scale of poaching of African elephants has become a criminal horror. It is also well established that poaching sponsors terrorism. I ask that your committee encourage enforcing a total ban on the trade and importation of ivory, both raw tusks and worked ivory - ban the ivory trade in and to the state of Hawaii.

It is with great pride and much aloha that I support this effort by the Humane Society of the U.S. to ban the ivory trade in the Aloha State. Hawaii is now confirmed as a "top" ivory market in our country.

Poaching sponsors terrorism, kills 35,000+ elephants each year, 100 a day and an astounding 1 every fifteen minutes; The elephant is slated for extinction in the wilds of Africa within 10 years.

I also humbly ask that you support vigorous prosecution of those who engage in activities that sponsor, promote and escalate poaching.

I thank you for your time and efforts on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly.
Hale Anderson
Mountain View, CA
USA

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From: Tamara Birdsall <birdsalltamara@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 4:13 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT HB218

Dear Sirs,

Aloha from a resident of California

I am urging your committee to encourage enforcing a total ban on the trade and importation of ivory (whether raw or vanity) in and to the state of Hawaii. Because of ivory, the unmitigated and relentless poaching of African elephants continues. It's estimated that elephants in the wild will be extinct in just ten years. If that isn't dire enough, please also consider that many terrorist groups get major portions of their funding from poached ivory. This must end.

It is with great pride and much aloha that I support this effort by the HSUS to ban the ivory trade in the Aloha State, unfortunately a "top" ivory market in the USA, possibly next only to New York and perhaps ahead of San Francisco.

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I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Sincerely, Tamara Birdsall
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From: Jacqueline Mary <jacquelinemry@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 4:20 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: BAN of the ivory trade and to support HB2183

Dear Sirs,

Aloha from a resident of California

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
Jacqueline Mary
USA

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From: audiodocelise <audiodocelise@netscape.net>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 4:30 PM
To: edbtestimony
Cc: Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Support HB2183

Dear Sirs,

Aloha from a resident of Washington DC

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Warmly,
Elise Ney

ward2-Robin

From: Abhi Kulkarni <kalifornier@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 4:50 PM
Subject: Ivory sale ban

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing to urge you to support HB2183 banning ivory sales.

The illegal trade of ivory, primarily made possible by lack of determining which ivory is 'pre-ban' (1989) and which is newer, is decimating the elephant population so much so that these majestic creatures are now few years from being critically endangered or completely extinct. I hope we don't let that happen on our watch and that our future generations enjoy seeing wild elephants as opposed to few remaining ones in zoos.

Secondly, the illegal ivory trade is also funding terrorist groups which are using the ill gotten wealth to destabilize Africa and target US interests. The rebel mercenary groups in numerous civil wars in Africa have also a human cost in form of innocent people being killed as well as forcing children into conflicts.

We can do our part in making it difficult for such groups to continue laundering ivory by outlawing ivory sales.

Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,
Abhi Kulkarni
California

"Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all".

ward2-Robin

From: israel valdez osorio <isravaldez95@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 5:12 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: animals

Dear Sirs,

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israel valdez

ward2-Robin

From: Mike Brunt <go2riamb@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 5:17 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Please Support HB2163

Dear Sirs,

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Kind Regards - Mike Brunt
Senior Server Engineer - USA
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From: Daniel Tham <danwt88@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 5:17 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Please put an end to the ivory trade.

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From: Yvonne Kimman <yvonnekimman@me.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 5:20 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Aloha from Los Angeles

Dear Sirs,

Aloha from a resident of California who travels frequently to the beautiful islands of Hawaii.

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Warmly.

Yvonne Sturm-Kimman (Los Angeles, CA)

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From: Elephants LA <elephantsla@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 5:35 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Please be the first state to ban all ivory

Dear decision makers,

Please support HB2183.

I love Hawaii and visiting the islands. I also love elephants. Please link my two loves in a positive way. You can help stop the slaughter of our dear elephants...and I will love Hawaii that much more.

Best regards,

Georja Uman0
Elephants L.A.

ward2-Robin

From: michelleleelivingston5@gmail.com on behalf of Golfing for Elephants
<contact@golfingforelephants.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 5:44 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Support HB2183

Dear Representatives:

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Warmly.

Michelle Livingston

Founder

Golfing for Elephants

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Tucson, Arizona

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From: barbara nugent <bashanugent@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 6:01 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please SUPPORT HB2183 to Protect Elephants

I believe Hawaii should join the ethical position of preserving elephants!!

Please show support and ban the ivory trade!!! Do this for this endangered species.

Sincerely,
Barbara Nugent

ward2-Robin

From: susan cox <gpg@greenpowergirl.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 6:00 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB 2183!
Attachments: IMG_6634.MOV

Honorable Legislators,

I am writing to ask you to take the lead and stop supporting the poaching of wild Elephants. I was shocked to learn that Hawaii is the 2nd largest retailer of Ivory in the nation!!

I was fortunate enough to see them in the wild recently in South Africa at Idube Game Reserve and I am attaching a short video clip of a baby elephant that stole our hearts. Did you know they are a matriarchal society and herds stay together their whole lives! They are sentient and wise creatures that have a life span of 40-60 years in the wild. Poaching is a heartless and greedy practice and I am sure you can agree that we cannot support such a thing in our land of ALOHA. Please take a stand and protect the Earth's wild creatures.

Aloha,
Susan Cox
POB 1234
Kapaau, HI 96755
808-889-6845

ward2-Robin

From: Jilton Sandy <nativenow2002@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 6:55 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Ban The Sell of Ivory in Hawaii

I am asking you to support Bill **HB** 2183 that would ban import, sell, offer to sell, or possess with intent to sell any ivory product in Hawaii.

An investigation supported by The Humane Society of the United States and Humane Society International found that Hawaii is the third highest retailer of elephant ivory in the United States, behind only California and New York. Despite federal laws, eighty-nine per cent of ivory sold in Hawaii is likely illegal or of unknown origin.

In 2012, approximately thirty-five thousand African elephants were slaughtered by poachers, criminal syndicates, and terrorist groups, who were intent on selling their ivory, and ivory trafficking is at the highest recorded rate ever. It is estimated that over forty-one tons of illegal ivory have been confiscated worldwide this year. Scientists believe the population of elephants cannot withstand this slaughter and these species may become extinct in less than twenty years.

In March 2013, one hundred seventy-eight nations attended the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, where it was documented that elephant slaughter has reached crisis proportions unheard of in two decades.

With your vote, the sell of illegal ivory in Hawaii can be eliminated.

In appreciation of your support,
Sandy Jilton
former Hawaii Resident

ward2-Robin

From: Phyllis Stuart <stuart_phyllis@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 7:01 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183

If Hawaii can get MONSANTO banned, you can also lead the US in BANNING ALL SALES OF IVORY...the legal loopholes are killing elephants. As you one every 15 minutes...100 EVERY single day in Africa...PLEASE show China that the USA is serious about saving the keystone species the PACYDERM...without whom say goodbye to the jungle, to the apes...to AFRICA..

I wish I had accrued the power you possess to implement positive world change and save a species, and save Africa.

Please do the right thing for all sentient creatures.

Thank you,
Phyllis Stuart

ward2-Robin

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 7:09 PM
To: edbtestimony
Cc: mmmmahalo2000@aol.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB2183 on Feb 4, 2014 08:30AM

HB2183

Submitted on: 2/1/2014

Testimony for EDB on Feb 4, 2014 08:30AM in Conference Room 312

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Moran	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Time for Hawaii to step up, as bit by bit we are reversing our reputation as state not concerned for animals. Tens of thousands of Elephants are poached each year for their ivory tusks, and while we are not worst, we come in second worst in selling this product. We KNOW from where it comes & how it procured, so now say no more blood ivory for sale here. Mahalo.

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From: stlilac@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 7:35 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: HB2183

To the committee,

Please support HB2183 and protect the elephants. I'm pleading with you!

Michelle Uglow

ward2-Robin

From: paul harris <pbharris@usalug.net>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 7:40 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
Paul Harris
Chicago, IL

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From: Madge Torres <madgicalcats@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 12:33 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Thank you for your support in Banning Ivory Trade.

I appreciate you doing what is right for elephants.

Sincerely,

Madge Torres

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Nature doesn't care how hard we tried. Nature cares how high the parts per million mount. ~ 350.org

ward2-Robin

From: Birgit Hampl <hanan_birgit@gmx.net>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 12:45 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Ivory Ban

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Best regards,
Birgit Hampl
Germany

ward2-Robin

From: Judy Mick <ppchawaii@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 12:50 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Selling ivory

Please support HB 2183 to prohibit the sale of ivory and help stop the slaughter of elephants. We can not use cultural practices or the human desire for beautiful artifacts as a rationalization for cruelty and horror. Let's end the brutality now. Mahalo. Judith Mick, Kailua

ward2-Robin

From: Kathryn Reitz <yr1968@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 12:54 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Ivory Ban

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Warmly,
Kathryn Reitz
USA

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From: magali roth <mag.roth@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 12:58 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Aloha from a resident of Switzerland

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Magali Roth
Lovatens, Switzerland

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From: janinemoves@comcast.net
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 1:01 PM
To: edbtestimony; ED8testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov
Cc: janine
Subject: Mahalo HB 2183

Aloha,

My heart fairly sings at the thought that the land I love so, beloved Hawaii, might just champion the way to survival for the elephants of this world by passing a ban on ivory this coming week. Words cannot express my gratitude to you all.

Several decades ago under the leadership of Dr. Lou Herman, I graduated from the University of Hawaii with a degree in marine biology and went on, thanks to that education, to work for preservation of mother and calf humpbacks. That same love for animals now takes me to Africa, but still I take great pride in Hawaii and its universal recognition that all creatures have the right to co-exist. The world will long remember those who lead the way out of the nightmare before us that now literally threatens the very future of elephants.

Mahalo

Janine Boneparth

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From: Heidrun Kauert <Heidrun.Kauert@gmx.de>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 1:02 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Gene Ward; edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji
Subject: Ban Ivory trade!

Dear Sirs,

Aloha from a resident of Germany,

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I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
Heidrun Kauert
Ludwigshafen, Germany

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From: Martina Szyszka <ma2el@j-netz.de>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 1:06 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: ivory trade

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Warmly,

Martina Szyszka
Germany

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From: Denise Dresner <dendresner@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 1:10 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: support a BAN of the ivory trade - support HB2183

Importance: High

Dear Law-maker,

I am writing to you as someone who cares deeply about the endangered species of our world, with special reference to the African elephants which are enduring mass genocide on a scale never seen before.

I fully support the effort by the HSUS to ban the ivory trade in the Aloha State, which is unfortunately one of the biggest ivory markets in the USA, possibly second only to New York.

Elephants are being ruthlessly slaughtered at a rate of approximately 100 elephants every day – around 35,000 each year – with weapons used for sophisticated warfare, including AK47s fired from helicopters, hand grenades, mass poisoning, night-vision equipment, and so on. Whole herds are being killed indiscriminately – babies, adolescents, elders, matriarchs. Their world has collapsed and they are enduring suffering on an unimaginable scale.

Will the world – will America, will Hawaii – stand by while they are wiped off the face of the Earth?

Nowadays poaching is linked to organized criminal gangs and terrorist networks. The money obtained from the sale of ivory is used directly to help finance and support terrorist groups, thus undermining the security of many African countries as well as the larger world.

Poaching elephants for their tusks is a crime that must be stopped if this majestic and supremely intelligent, emotionally sentient species is to survive.

For all these reasons – and for the reason of humanity and compassion – I ask you to do everything in your power in the Hawaiian state government to BAN IVORY. Not a moratorium, but a complete BAN on the trade and importation of ivory IN ALL FORMS to the state of Hawaii.

I ask you to please support HB2183.

I also ask you to support the severe prosecution of those who engage in activities that sponsor, promote and escalate poaching.

As an American citizen, I beseech Hawaii to take a strong and principled leadership role in bringing to an end to the terrible suffering of elephants being exterminated every day, by ending the ivory trade immediately.

I look to Hawaii, as a progressive state of civilized and compassionate people, to do the right thing and make me proud to stand up and say: Hawaii has shown America and the world that is standing strong to save elephants from extinction by outlawing the trade that kills them for their tusks.

With deep thanks for your time, efforts, and commitment to following through on this most critical issue.

Sincerely,

Denise Dresner
Washington, DC

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From: Patrick Linton <plinton1@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 1:20 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Support of HB 2183

Aloha,

I am a voting resident of Hawaii and express my full support for this important bill being heard in committee on Tuesday February 4, 2014. For many years I have been appalled at the level of illegal hunting and killing of elephants for their ivory. Hawaii is the second largest ivory consuming state in the U.S. Hawaii needs to do its part of protect this species and help stop the illegal trade in ivory.

Mahalo for your support of this bill.

Regards,
Patrick Linton
plinton1@gmail.com
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From: Alice Saul <alicesaul@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 1:23 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: HB2183 Prohibiting the Sale of Ivory in Hawaii

Once again, we in Hawaii are afforded the opportunity to show the rest of the world how not only do we say "Aloha," but that we also live aloha for all living beings.

Please vote yes on HB2183 to prohibit the sale of ivory and give those magnificent animals, the elephants, a chance at living out their natural-born lives to the fullest extent possible. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Alice Saul
Honolulu, Hawaii
Res. (808) 395-0121
Bus. (808) 949-2511

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From: NANCY LAW <nancydancer@me.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 1:25 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Please support HB2183

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
Nancy Law
Annapolis, Maryland
USA

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From: adam mills <adamills500@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 1:36 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: End the ivory trade

To whom it concerns:

PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183 which calls for ivory trade ban. Please don't take part in allowing anymore innocent animals to fall prey to the atrocities of ivory production.

Sincerely,
Adam Mills

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From: stacy james <stacyeleven@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 1:41 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Please SUPPORT HB2183

Please support HB2183.

Our elephant population is in peril and all conservationists / scientists agree that with the rate of losing approximately 35,000 elephants a year, the species will be extinct in approximately 9 years.

I am asking that Hawaii lead the way on a complete ban on the ivory trade.

Please support HB2183. Our children deserve to have elephants in their future.

Thank you,

Stacy James
Las Vegas, NV, USA

Stacy James
(c) 702.332.1501 PST

"When in doubt tell the truth. It will confound your enemies and astound your friends."

Mark Twain

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 1:58 PM
To: edbtestimony
Cc: viviansuet@hotmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB2183 on Feb 4, 2014 08:30AM

HB2183

Submitted on: 2/1/2014

Testimony for EDB on Feb 4, 2014 08:30AM in Conference Room 312

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Vivian S. Toellner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I had thought elephants were already protected by some world agreement, or at least US Federal law. But it looks like we have to go through this process to eliminate all the loop holes the killers can find. Please Please do everything you can to protect the few elephants we have left in this world. The killers could make more money in the end, if they would market humane elephant adventures, when will we humans ever learn. Same can be said for many Hawaii natural resources being sold off. Mahalo for letting me share. Aloha.

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From: Greg Reynolds <gregreynolds@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 1:59 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please Save the Elephants

To all concerned,

Please do all in your power to support state bill HB2183.

Ivory is not a gem or a mineral: it is a body part.
Killing wild animals to make trinkets is inhumane.
Do not allow such hideous business on your beautiful islands.
Find all who buy and sell ivory and stop them. Punish them.

There is no good reason to hurt Elephants. Please be strict.

Thank you for letting me speak.

Sincerely,
Greg Reynolds

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From: Monica Gilbert <monicagilbert2@bigpond.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 2:08 PM
Subject: Ivory in Hawaii

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I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
Monica Gilbert
Harrington 2427
New South Wales
Australia

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From: Antonia jackson hope <antoniajacksonhope@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 2:16 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: ivory

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Warmly,
Antonia Jackson Hope
Australia

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From: Heidi Osterman <hjoosterman@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 2:17 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Please support HB2183

Aloha from Maryland!

It is wonderful that Hawaii has a chance to take the lead in protecting elephants! I understand that HB2183 will be heard in committee on Tuesday, February 4. I am writing today to ask you to support HB2183 and enforce a total ban on trade and importation of all ivory in and to the state of Hawaii. Poaching kills one elephant every fifteen minutes. Elephants are a keystone species upon which many other species rely. Furthermore, poaching sponsors terrorist activities, and has killed over 1000 rangers in the past 10 years.

Unless we act now, elephants will be gone from the wild by 2025 or sooner. We can't allow this important member of our planet to die out and allow the terrorists to continue their activities.

I urge you to support this bill and lead the way in a complete ban on ivory worldwide.

Thank you for your consideration,

Heidi J. Osterman

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From: Julia Gibb <feedajane@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 2:22 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183!

Dear Sirs,

Aloha from a resident of Annapolis, Maryland. I have family roots in Hawai'i going back to the 1800s, and I am a student and teacher of hula and Hawaiian culture.

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
Julia Gibb
Annapolis, Maryland, USA

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From: kbakar2@comcast.net
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 7:50 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183

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Greetings! I hope this finds you well.

As a frequent visitor to the beautiful state of Hawaii, I was so happy to hear about HB2183, and I am writing to urge you to PLEASE SUPPORT this precedent-setting bill! Ivory is (primarily) the outcome of poaching -- the unmitigated and relentless poaching of African elephants. It is well established that poaching sponsors terrorism. I am urging your committee to encourage enforcing an end to the trade and importation of ivory (whether raw or vanity) in and to the state of Hawaii.

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Warmly,
Karen Bakar
San Francisco, CA

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From: Melissa Flower <melissa.flower@att.net>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 7:57 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please support HB 2183 to protect elephants

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Dear Committee:

I have just learned that you are voting on HB2183. The ivory trade is a bloody and savage business. Elephants are being slaughtered and they will disappear soon. Please, please vote for this bill and stop the ivory trade in Hawaii. The beauty of Hawaii is certainly marred by the cruelty of ivory.

Thank you so very much,

Melissa Flower
1600 3rd St.
San Rafael, CA 94901

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From: Donna Hoo <dhoo@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 7:58 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Support of State Bill: HB2183

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Warmly,
Donna Hoo
San Francisco, CA, USA

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From: Elephant Advocacy <info@elephantadvocacy.org>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 8:02 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Close down the ivory trade!

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Dear decision makers,

PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183 which calls for an ivory trade ban in Hawaii.

As a group dedicated to the survival of the African elephant, we are calling on you to take definitive action to end the domestic trade of ivory in your state. Hawaii is said to be the second largest retailer of ivory in the nation. You have an unprecedented opportunity to protect elephants and help curb the blood ivory trade killing over 35,000 African elephants a year!

We thank you for your kind consideration and look forward to your continued dedication to the world's endangered wildlife.

Kelly and Richard Probst
Founders Elephant Advocacy
www.elephantadvocacy.org
info@elephantadvocacy.org

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From: Linda Warrick <zkper@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 8:06 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Ivory trade...

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Government of Hawaii,

Please, this is a begging email. Look up any photos or videos of what this amazingly brilliant and loving species goes through to bring ivory to the human species. It is so very, very wrong and the longer we let this continue, the closer we are to losing elephants all together. When one species goes, it actually brings every other species closer to extinction, humans will one day be on this list.

A very loyal visitor. My daughters middle name is after Makena beach on Kihae, Maui.

Thank you for your consideration,
Linda Warrick

Sent from my iPad

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From: Rebecca Gunter <rosepetals334@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 8:15 PM
To: edbtestimony
Cc: Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji
Subject: Elephant Poaching

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I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most

critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly.

Rebecca Gunter
United States

ward2-Robin

From: Thomas Steinbrecher <tstein36@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 8:19 PM
To: edbtestimony
Cc: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Gene Ward
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183!

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Dear Sirs, Aloha from a resident of California PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183! Ivory is (primarily) the outcome of poaching. The unmitigated and relentless poaching of African elephants. It is also well established that poaching sponsors terrorism. I am urging your committee to encourage enforcing a total ban on the trade and importation of ivory (whether raw or vanity) in and to the state of Hawaii. It is with great pride and much aloha that I support this effort by the HSUS to ban the ivory trade in the Aloha State, unfortunately a "top" ivory market in the USA, possibly next only to New York and perhaps ahead of San Francisco. A compassionate, progressive and dynamic state, a state of by and for the people, I am confident the Aloha state will do the right thing by Earth's last elephants, the people of the continent of Africa, the people of the world and the people of Hawaii. I write on behalf of all victims, human and animal alike, of the horrific poaching crisis in Africa. Poaching sponsors terrorism, kills 35,000+ elephants each year, 100 a day and an astounding 1 every fifteen minutes; The elephant, a keystone species and Earth's grandest terrestrial herbivore is slated for extinction in the wilds of Africa within 10 years. Amongst the human victims of poaching are the 1000+ rangers who were murdered in the line of duty in the past 10 years alone. I also humbly ask that you support vigorous prosecution of those who engage in activities that sponsor, promote and escalate poaching; to this end, I recommend that the state of Hawaii furnish its law enforcement personnel with the resources required to expose, mitigate and end the trade in ivory within Hawaii; It is well established that the killing of wild animals and the sale of their body parts is funding terrorism - which includes the recent Westgate mall attack and the killing of innocent human victims in Nairobi, Kenya. As global citizens, as the gateway to the east, the Aloha state and USA must take on a strong and unequivocal leadership role to end the ivory trade immediately. I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue. Be well and Mahalo nui loa. Warmly.

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From: Susan Campisi <susancampisi@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 8:28 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183! END the IVORY TRADE!

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Dear Sirs,

Greetings! I am writing to urge you to PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183.

When I first learned about the slaughter of elephants, I was dumbfounded and grief-stricken. How could a majestic species that has roamed Earth for millions of years be close to extinction, all for humans' lust for ivory?! It is unconscionable. Thankfully, the great state of Hawaii is taking the lead to address this crisis. Mahalo.

As you know, the slaughter of elephants is driven by the ivory trade, which in turn also sponsors terrorism. I am urging your committee to encourage enforcing an end to the trade and importation of ivory (whether raw or vanity) in and to the state of Hawaii.

It is with great pride and much aloha that I support the effort to end the ivory trade in the Aloha State, unfortunately one of the top three ivory markets in the USA, behind only New York and California.

I write on behalf of all victims, human and animal alike, of the horrific poaching crisis in Africa. Poaching sponsors terrorism, kills over 35,000 elephants each year, 100 a day and an astounding 1 every fifteen minutes. The elephant, a keystone species and Earth's grandest terrestrial herbivore, is slated for extinction in the wilds of Africa within 10 years. Among the human victims of poaching are the 1000+ rangers who were murdered in the line of duty in the past 10 years alone.

It is also well established that the killing of critically endangered wild animals and the sale of their body parts funds terrorism, including the Westgate mall attack and the killing of innocent human victims in Nairobi, Kenya.

I am confident that the compassionate, progressive and dynamic state, a state by and for the people, the Aloha state will do the right thing by Earth's last elephants, the people of the continent of Africa, the people of the world and the people of Hawaii.

As the gateway to the east, the Aloha state and the USA must take on a strong and unequivocal leadership role to end the ivory trade immediately.

I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Best wishes. Mahalo nui loa.

Warm regards,

Susan Campisi
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Altadena, California 91001

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From: Nigel Goodman <ngg@gaea.co.uk>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 8:31 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183!

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Dear Sirs,

PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183!. Poaching sponsors terrorism, kills 35,000+ elephants each year, 100 a day and an astounding 1 every fifteen minutes; and its INCREASING. The elephant, a keystone species and Earth's grandest terrestrial herbivore is slated for extinction in the wilds of Africa within 10 years. Amongst the human victims of poaching are the rangers who were murdered in the line of duty in the past 10 years alone.

It is well established that poaching also sponsors global terrorism.

I am urging your committee to encourage enforcing an end to the trade and importation of ivory (whether raw or vanity) in and to the state of Hawaii.

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I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

I would love to visit your state in future

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Nigel Goodman

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From: Cindy Cobb <cjcobb9@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 8:40 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: HB2183

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I urge you to support the ban of all ivory products. Elephants are being slaughtered at an alarming rate and in cruel and horrible ways. The money from sales of ivory is used to purchase weapons, support militias and perpetuate war in African nations.

Please do what you can to stop the ivory trade by banning all ivory products.

Sincerely, Cindy Cobb

Sent from my iPad

ward2-Robin

From: Jonathan O'Hanlon <jon@centresphere.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 8:51 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please End The Ivory Trade: HB2183

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Dear Sir or Madam

Greetings! I hope this finds you well.

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I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

With respect
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Cape Town, South Africa

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From: gabrielaz@comcast.net
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 8:55 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Save the Elephants

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I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Gabriela Zaragoza
California, USA

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From: Maree Cross <mareestudies@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 8:58 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Please support HB2183 and end the massacre of Africa's Elephants

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Dear Sirs,

Greetings! I hope this finds you well.

PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183! I am urging your committee to encourage enforcing an end to the trade and importation of ivory (whether raw or vanity) to and within the state of Hawaii.

I write on behalf of all victims, human and animal alike, of the horrific poaching crisis in Africa. Poaching sponsors terrorism, kills 35,000+ elephants each year, 100 a day and an astounding 1 every fifteen minutes; The elephant, a keystone species and Earth's grandest terrestrial herbivore is slated for extinction in the wilds of Africa within 10 years. Amongst the human victims of poaching are the 1000+ rangers who were murdered in the line of duty in the past 10 years alone.

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
Maree Cross

ward2-Robin

From: Christine Jordaan <cmjordaan03@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 9:11 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Pretty please ban ivory trade

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Dear Sirs,

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I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,

Kind regards,

Christine Jordaan

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From: dianepeternewmexico@q.com
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 9:34 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: HB2183

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Dear Sirs/Madams,

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I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
Diane Nassir
New Mexico, USA

ward2-Robin

From: Schechter Man <schechertoddy@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 10:43 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183

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Dear Sir,

Please support HB2183 to ban the import of ivory.

This is a global crisis and Hawaii can take the national lead in protecting elephants.

Much thanks

Schechter Man
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ward2-Robin

From: Penelope Wells <pawellsak@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 10:42 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: HB2183 Ivory Trade Ban

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Attention: Hawaiian House Committee on Economic Development and Business

Dear Sirs,

PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183 calling for an ivory trade ban.

As is alarmingly clear, the wholesale slaughter of the iconic African elephant across the continent by global organized criminal syndicates is fast leading this magnificent, indispensable key-stone species to extinction within a decade.

This unabated poaching of elephants is disrupting local economies, especially tourism in the world-renowned national parks and endangering rangers who protect them. And, as an integral part of the ecosystem, the demise of the elephants has devastating consequences for both fauna and flora on which they depend.

We are seeing more and more troubling reports that the illegal trafficking in wild animals is funding terrorism, graft and corruption.

As the second largest retailer of ivory in the nation, I strongly urge your committee on behalf of your beautiful Aloha state to do the right thing and end the trade to and importation of elephant ivory (in raw and 'finished' form) by supporting HB2183 which calls for the ivory ban and help save the remaining elephants in the wild from extinction.

Best regards and Mahalo nui loa,

Penelope Wells
Anchorage, AK
USA

ward2-Robin

From: Ingrid Sermeus <ingrid.sermeus@live.be>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 11:04 PM
Subject: Dear Sirs,

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Dear Sirs,

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I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly.

Sermeus Ingrid
Belgium

ward2-Robin

From: K. Redman <kredman.cetologist@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 11:07 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: HB2183

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Dear Sirs,

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Regards.

[K. Redman](#)

[BSc, MSc]

The Netherlands

ward2-Robin

From: Lizabeth Kashinsky <lkashinsky@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 11:13 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183

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PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183 calling for an ivory trade ban. I was very surprised to hear that Hawaii is second in the nation for selling retail ivory (although I have not been able to verify this). With the US being the second largest retail market for illegally acquired ivory, to ban an ivory trade in Hawaii is the responsible and humane thing to do and leaves us less vulnerable to the repercussions of illegal killing of elephants. It's far past the time we need to make decisions based solely on economic gain. The costs due to measuring value on economic gain alone is enormous, and leadership needs to start thinking differently in order to keep our communities healthy and thriving.

Sincerely,

Liz

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Lizabeth Kashinsky

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From: Amala Kohler <amala.kohler@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 12:09 AM
To: edbtestimony

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
Amala Kohler

Schwaebisch Hall
Germany, EU

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From: Ceri Wiercx <cwiercx@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 12:17 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: End Ivory Trade

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.
Regards,
Ceredwen and Dennis Wiercx,

Cape Town,
South Africa

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From: hazel jones <hazeljaynejones@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 12:23 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Africain elephants

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly.
Hazel Jones
Liverpool
United Kingdom.

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From: Christine Jacobs <chris_l_jacobs@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 12:30 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: END THE TRADE AND IMPORTATION OF IVORY

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To:
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reptsuji@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Mrs Christine Jacobs
Southampton
United Kingdom

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From: SAND369@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 1:09 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Ivory ... HB2183

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To:
EDBtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

Dear Sirs,

Good Day.

I would just like to convey the following message to you. I feel so very strongly about this issue. The vast majority of this ivory comes from dead elephants, most having endured a cruel and torturous death. We do not need ivory. We should not benefit from slaughtered elephants.

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With hope and very best wishes
Sandra Seary
United Kingdom

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From: mark bastian <bastianmark@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 1:26 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: poaching of African elephants.

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Warmly.

Mark Bastian

United Kingdom

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From: JULIE TITCOMBE <julietitcombe260@btinternet.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 3:28 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: HB2183 - Stop Elephant Ivory Trade. Global Campaigns.

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Dear Sirs/Madam,

I am writing to you during the elephant crisis following the dramatic increase in ivory poaching in Africa. One elephant is killed every 15 minutes, that is 96 per day, 2976 per month and 35,712 EVERY YEAR. At the present rate of slaughter, the wild elephant population will be gone from the Africa for good. Yes, EXTINCT. This is my personal plea to you all to do the responsible thing to save elephants now, by banning all ivory trade and carrying out the incineration of any stocks piles. There is a true need to educate people of the world that elephants are killed for its ivory tusk, which is in fact an incisor tooth. Ivory belongs to elephants and no one else. The tusk must not be used to support carvings, trinkets, ornaments, bracelets, and worse still funding weapons for terrorists, which is a fact. It is known that weapons used at the Nairobi Shopping Mall massacre, where funded by the ivory trade. Ivory is known as white gold due to its monetary value. Worth more than gold. But at a price to our planet. Elephants and all creatures have a right to live on this planet in peace, without fear, pain, despair, grief, and suffering. Once elephants are extinct there will be an impact of other species who rely on elephants for survival, not the mention the tourist trade within Africa. Selfish, greedy and irresponsible people must be punished severely if they are caught taking part in any aspect of the ivory trade. It is not acceptable to the world and do we wish our grandchildren to ask in 10 years time, WHY DID NO ONE DO ANYTHING TO SAVE TO THE ELEPHANT AND OTHER ENDANGERED SPECIES. My personal plea is now endorsed before with further information as to why we must all act now before it is too late. At the present rate of slaughter, elephants will be gone from the wild within 10-12 years which is unthinkable.

There are many groups around the world now speaking up for the elephant and other endangered species. These poor animals cannot speak for themselves, so thousands of people globally are uniting to save the elephant. Please join us save this noble, and iconic animal. The animal on our planet, a gentle giant with the same emotions and feelings as us humans.

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I attended a peaceful demonstration outside the Chinese Embassy in London 24 January 2014, together with many others and conservation charities. We are not eccentric people, but care for our planet. There will be more campaigns throughout the world, and I'll be attending a global conference in London on the 13 February, 2014, hosted by the Right Honourable, David Cameron, Prime Minister, Right Honourable, William Hague MP, Foreign Secretary, Prince Charles and HRH the Duke of Cambridge. (Prince William). Further events are being planned asking countries to take the lead in saving our planet.

Warmly.

Mrs J. Titcombe

United Kingdom.

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From: Mary Beth Jost <mbjmdbrain@mac.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 3:59 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please ban ivory

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Mary Beth Jost, MD

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From: Julie Price <julieprice2006@hotmail.co.uk>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 4:07 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please show compassion

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PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183. This is a global crisis and Hawaii can take the national lead in protecting elephants!

*Thanks
J C Price
UK*

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From: Kat <kathealy01@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 4:11 AM
To: Rep. Karl Rhoads; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Clifton K. Tsujii; edbtestimony
Subject: Ivory Trade

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Warmly,
Kathryn Healy
California, USA

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From: Mary Lotts <mlotts@cox.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 4:08 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please help save the elephants and support HB2183

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From: Merrill Graham <mgrahamsw@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 4:28 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: State Bill HB2183

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Dear Sirs and Madames,

I am writing to urge your support for HB2183, which would support the end of the ivory trade in Hawaii. As an American, consumer and vacationer of Hawaii-and a parent of children-I urge you to help put an end to the ivory trade and selling of ivory items in Hawaii. Our school children are learning that over 100 elephants a day are being slaughtered for their tusks, so you can imagine how disappointing it is for them to know that some of our own American states are contributing to the needless slaughter of these gentle animals. Please help send the message that Americans will not support the murder of elephants and the 1000+ human advocates that have lost their lives while attempting to protect the elephants.

Please support HB2183, and help to end the ivory trade in Hawaii, United States.

Respectfully,
Merrill Armstrong
3037 Riverwoods
Rockford, MI 49341
(616) 914-4158

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From: Suzanne Smith <suzanne.smith5@sky.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 4:42 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
Suzanne Smith

Lancashire, UK

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From: PATRICIA STILLMAN <plstillman@mac.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 5:01 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Cc: Carol Geyer
Subject: Ban Ivory Save Elephants

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.
Dr. and Mrs. Mark Stillman, Pepper Pike, OH

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From: Eleanor A. Harris <eleanor@cpitools.biz>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 6:00 AM
To: edbtestimony; reptsuji@capital.hawaii.gov; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Vote For HB2183

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Ladies and Sirs:

Please support HB2183, which I understand will put an end to ivory trade in Hawaii. Almost all ivory is the result of poaching of African elephants. These magnificent animals may be wiped out by this activity and the ecology of Africa could be irreparably disrupted. Please help to save the elephants.

Regards,
Eleanor Adams Harris
20050 Rosewood Street
Stilwell, Kansas 66085



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From: Ann Early <caearly52@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 5:24 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Please support HB2183

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Dear Committee Members

Please support HB 2183 to ban ivory sales in Hawaii. There is an elephant poaching emergency going on in Africa and Asia, a full-on crisis, with 35,000 killed for their tusks last year alone. One elephant is killed every 15 minutes. The fact that "old", pre-1989 ban ivory is still allowed to be bought and sold is what is wiping out this species. It is too difficult and expensive to tell the difference between old ivory and new ivory. This loophole will cause the extinction of elephants by 2025-a species that has walked the earth for millions of years!

Please make your exquisite state, Hawaii, the leader in the growing worldwide movement to save the last remaining African elephants. It is a blight on the human species that we have brought this intelligent, emotional, and magnificent creature to the brink of extinction, with shameful brutality and disregard for suffering. It is now time for our better angels to prevail and for all of us to stand up for them at last.

Every single piece of ivory, no matter how small, represents blood, screams of agony, and terrible grief and trauma in survivors. Please let Hawaii lead the way in showing the world that you will no longer allow any part of the ivory trade in your state.

Thanks so much for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ann Early
305 Pine Drive
Aulander, NC 27805

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From: Rhino Girl <fightforrhinos@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 5:25 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: In support of HB2183

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warm regards,
Tisha Wardlow

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From: Nathan Peirce <npeirce@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 5:33 AM
To: edbtestimony
Cc: Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: HB2183 and similar

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Good morning.

Please support HB2183 and similar.

Ivory should be worn only by elephants and this is a step in that direction.

I love Hawaii and would be proud if Hawaii continues to lead the nation on this.

Thanks.

-Peirce

ward2-Robin

From: Marilyn Coussoule <mjco2000@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 5:36 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Ivory trade

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Dear Sirs,

Greetings.

PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183! Today, ivory sales of any nature only exacerbate the global poaching epidemic. The unmitigated and relentless poaching of African elephants is well documented to sponsors terrorism as well. I am urging your committee to encourage enforcing an end to the trade and importation of ivory, both raw and vanity, in and to the state of Hawaii.

I was truly quite astonished to learn the Aloha State, unfortunately, is a "top" ivory market in the USA, possibly next only to New York and perhaps ahead of San Francisco.

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I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue. I look forward to visiting Hawaii again, but would rethink that idea if it were to continue to be an ivory selling state, most unfortunately.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
Marilyn Coussoule
Massachusetts, USA

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From: Anna Harris <i.anna.h@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 5:11 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT IVORY BAN IN HAWAII

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PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183 which calls for ivory trade ban.

This is a global crisis and Hawaii can take the national lead in protecting elephants!

respectfully,
Anna Harris,
Selbu,
Norway

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From: Janet Moyer <jcmoyer@cox.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 6:18 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: bill on banning elephant ivory

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PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183

Thank you,
Janet Moyer, Ph.D.

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From: Gerri <gerri.elliott@ns.sympatico.ca>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 6:09 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Support an END to the ivory trade through supporting HB2183

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Sincerely,
Gerri Elliott
Nova Scotia
Canada.

ward2-Robin

From: Renee Snyder <reenesnyderphd@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 6:29 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: SUPPORT HB2183

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Renee Snyder, Ph.D.

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From: Elyse DeFranco <elyse.defranco@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 6:35 AM
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Warmly,
Elyse DeFranco
Berkeley, California

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From: Kathy Gumpel <kjgumpel@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 2:19 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please SUPPORT HB2183 to Protect Elephants

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The sale of ivory kills elephants. Please ban the sale of ivory, regardless of its age. Ban the possession of ivory, exempting antique items, defined as from elephants killed before 1900.

ward2-Robin

From: Brenda Warriner <brenwarr@sympatico.ca>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 6:46 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Ivory

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Hi,

I am very concerned with the decimation of elephant populations due to the ivory trade. I ask you to please support HB2183 which calls for an ivory trade ban. We must do everything we can to protect the elephants or we will lose them forever. Be the change you want to see in the world.

Thank you
Brenda Warriner
Ontario Canada

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From: Lisa P. <ilovesunnydaze@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 6:55 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Please, BAN IVORY TRADE! SAVE ELEPHANTS FROM EXTINCTION

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa
With kind regards,
Lisa Pena
CA, USA

ward2-Robin

From: KELLY MORRISON <kellymo11@mac.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 7:04 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: HB2183. Please support.

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Warmly.
Kelly Morrison
San Francisco, California USA

Sent from my iPad

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From: ashley prout <ashleyprout@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 7:17 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: PLEASE! PLEASE! SUPPORT HB2183!

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Ashley Prout McAvey
144 Shelburne-Hinesburg Road
Shelburne, VT 05482
Home Office: 802-264-9640
Cell Phone: 802-598-9428

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From: Mark <gofish@volcano.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 7:44 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Fight for Elephants

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Warmly,
Susan Brosz
California, USA

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From: Jeanluc Bozzoli <jeanlucbozzoli@gmail.com> on behalf of jeanluc <jeanluc@eyewithin.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 7:47 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: URGENT: Hawaii ivory sale BAN

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Your constituent and Hawaiian resident,
Jean-Luc Bozzoli
Kealakekua, HI

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From: Judith Reynolds <judib2858@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 7:52 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: HB2183

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To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Judith Reynolds and I am asking that the House Committee please support HB2183. I hope that Hawaii takes the lead and imposes a total ban on the sale of ivory as this is the only way to insure the elephants future on this earth! The illegal ivory trade is killing elephants at the rate of one every 15 minutes and if it doesn't end they will be extinct in about 10 years! Please do the right thing, take the lead and show Hawaii cares about elephants, support HB2183! Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Judith Reynolds
24648 Thomas Ave.
Hayward, Ca. 94544

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From: Musa <musatoo@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 7:56 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Elephant ivory

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly. Doyung Che
Cape Cod, Massachusetts

ward2-Robin

From: JOAN <joan@joanocean.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 7:38 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please support HB 2183

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Your constituent and Hawaiian resident,
Joan Ocean
Kealakekua, HI
joan@joanocean.com

WISHING YOU A JOYFUL DAY IN HARMONY WITH NATURE AND WITH ALL THOSE YOU LOVE.

ward2-Robin

From: Carol Chapin <heartsong11@sysmatrix.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 9:22 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB2183 PLEASE

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Warmly,
Carol Chapin
Brooklyn, NY, USA

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The animal shall not be measured by man. In a world older than ours, they move finished and complete, gifted with senses we have lost or never attained, living by voices we shall never hear. They are not brethren; they are not underlings; they are other nations... ~Henry Beston, The Outermost House, 1928

ward2-Robin

From: Janice Ashby <jashby5035@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 9:35 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Ivory Trade

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Dear sir,

I am delighted to hear that Hawaii has the chance to end the trade in Ivory by supporting HB2183. Please take the lead and show the world that this barbaric practise of murdering intelligent animals is not acceptable. I hope to visit your beautiful islands - make the world proud.

Thank you

Jan Ashby
United Kindom

Sent from my iPhone

ward2-Robin

From: Alletta Bell <allettab@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 9:38 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Support for bill HB 2183

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Alletta Bell , Hawi, Hawaii
(Hawaiian property owner)

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Erika Kreis <erikakreis@shaw.ca>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 9:40 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: HB2183

Dear Sirs,

I was thrilled to hear that you are going to vote on HB2183. The horrible practice of killing elephants for their ivory has to stop before we have lost all of these majestic animals. I applaud you for taking on this issue. There is too much suffering and death going on in our world because of the "human species." Elephants and rangers alike are victims of poachers. States like Hawaii can show leadership to many other countries. Congratulations, and thank-you.

Erika Kreis
Winnipeg, Manitoba
Canada

ward2-Robin

From: Carol Yelverton <carolyelverton@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 7:58 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: HB2183

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Thank you,

Carol Yelverton

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From: jrasboth@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 8:05 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Protect Elephants

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Please help!

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[Joan Asboth](#)
[Arlington, Virginia](#)

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From: CLAUDIA COOPER <magster111@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 8:05 AM
To: edbtestimony

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Warmly,
Claudia Cooper
California, USA

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From: AfricaB@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 8:16 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please protect elephants and help ban ivory

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I have made several trips to Africa and have seen first hand these magnificent creatures in their natural habitat. We could learn a lot from their family relationships and how they protect each other. I know Hawaii knows how to protect the environment and the animals that inhabit it. Please help to protect elephants by taking a strong position on the ivory trade.

With gratitude, Brenda de la Ossa, Walnut Creek, California

ward2-Robin

From: janet miller <janmilmar@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 8:17 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Ban on ivory trade

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Warmly.

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From: Rosemary Karlsson <rosemarykarlsson@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 8:29 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please SUPPORT HB2183 to Protect Elephants

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No one 'needs' ivory, it should be banned world-wide.

Hawaii, and America, should be ashamed of allowing the sale of ivory. Please pass this as soon as possible.

Rosemary Karlsson
PO Box 492266
Keaau, HI 96749
808-966-6589
rosemarykarlsson@gmail.com

ward2-Robin

From: Richelle Duckwall <ricki.duckwall@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 8:34 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: HB2183

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Hello,

I'm writing you urge the upcoming vote on Tuesday to be one in favor of elephants. They have been poached for their ivory for years, and estimations are one dies every 15 minutes. At this rate man will be responsible for the extinction of this iconic species. The pursuit of ivory destabilizes African communities and monies fuel terrorist agendas. The worst damage is to the elephant populations themselves.

Elephants are the most sentient and emotional, and loving beasts. Their family bonds and nurturing by aunties and cousins within the herd are exemplary and honorable. Their instincts for memory and following ancient ancestral routes for water and food goes back millions of years. They are to be revered alive, not with a dead tusk as a trinket.

This past year I started knitting hats, crafting gourd birdhouses with elephant motifs, and piecing together mosaic garden stepping stones, to sell. The money generated I give to Save the Elephants and The David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust. My little enterprise is Craft for Elephants, You can find and like me on facebook.

More people are coming on board, recognizing this desperate situation. La Bing Bing, a Chinese actress, and Yao Ming, a basketball star, are helping in public awareness.

Now it is Hawaii's turn to take a leadership role, in banning trade and possession of ivory. Your state could be a landmark state and set a global precedence.

The elephants don't have time for lengthy deliberations. Legislation is before you. Please act now and offer protection for elephants,

Sincerely,
Ricki Duckwall
Mt. Hood Oregon U.S.A.
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From: beverly jilcott <bevjilcott@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 8:54 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: HB2183

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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing this to ask you to please vote for hB2183 to ban the sale of all ivory. The massive slaughter of African elephants is a critical issue. Thank you for your care and concern for these gentle giants. Beverly Jilcott.

From: Alexandra Saunders <alexandra@nuubiasf.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 9:02 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please ban the San of ivory and put an ed to the ivory trade

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I URGE the support of State Bill: HB2183.

**.Please support an end of the ivory trade in Hawaii through supporting
HB2183**

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
Alexandra Saunders
San Francisco, Ca

This email was sent to alexandra@nuubiasf.com



Sent from my iPhone
Alexandra Saunders
CEO
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925 463-0226

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From: Pat Coe <pat.coe@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 9:47 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: please support HB2183

Dear Legislators,

35,000 African elephants are slaughtered every year for their ivory. If this poaching isn't curtailed, there won't be any elephants in the wild in our lifetime...some estimates are that they could be EXTINCT by 2025.

Please ban the sale of ivory in your beautiful state. Please help the elephants live...just live as they were intended to...without the unspeakable suffering and death. It's not just the greed of poachers, middlemen, corrupt officials, and kingpins buying ivory. Terrorism is being funded by the poaching of elephant tusks now. Please help. The world is watching and looking to you.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Patricia Coe

1511 Bruce Badger Hwy

Danville, VT 05828

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From: Lori Atkinson <lorileno@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 9:47 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: End Ivory Trade Now!

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Warmly,
Lori Atkinson
United States of America

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From: Don Dudan <ddudan@goairtight.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 9:50 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Please support HB2143 and End The Ivory Trade in Hawaii

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Warmly.

Don Dudan
Walnut Creek, CA
925-876-9683

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From: Katherine Porebski <kporebski@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 10:00 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Support HB2183!!!

PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183 which calls for an ivory trade ban. Hawaii, as the second largest retailer of ivory in the nation, has the chance to protect elephants from their continued massacre for the blood ivory trade! This is a global crisis and Hawaii can take the national lead in protecting elephants!

For the Elephants!

Thank you,

Katherine

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From: Mary anne Halsall <halsall.maryanne2@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 10:04 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Hawaii posed to Ban The Ivory-Trade.

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Warmly.

Mary-Anne Halsall. Gt Britain.

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From: Mateja Gaberšček <panekaj@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 10:13 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Karl Rhoads; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji
Subject: HB2183

Dear Sirs,

Aloha from a resident of Slovenia, Europe!

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**Warmly,
Mateja Gaberšček (Slovenia)**

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From: Jae TerMeer <jaetim@copper.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 10:15 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Ivory Sales Ban

My husband and I want to express our support for bill HB2183. We want to see that our beautiful state of Hawaii does not support the illegal sales of Ivory that is poached and sold for huge sums of money, of which we understand that our state is currently allowing. Thank you for your consideration of supporting this bill.

Aloha,

Tim and Jae TerMeer
PO Box 6128
Kamuela, HI 96743

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From: Ann Lewis <annlewis509@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 10:15 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Cc: annlewis509@yahoo.com
Subject: SUPPORT HB 2183 - END THE IVORY TRADE!

Dear Committee Members,

Please support HB 2183 to BAN ivory sales in Hawaii.

There is an elephant poaching emergency going on in Africa and Asia, a full-on crisis, with 35,000 killed for their tusks last year alone. 1 elephant is killed every 15 minutes. The fact that "old", or pre-1989 ban ivory is still allowed to be bought and sold is what is wiping out this species. It is too difficult and expensive to tell the difference between old ivory and new ivory. This loophole will cause the extinction of elephants by 2025-a species that has walked the earth for millions of years!

Please, be the leader in the global movement to ban ivory-others will surely follow, and elephants can be saved.

Thanks so much for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,
Ann Lewis

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From: smithellis <smithellis@frontiernet.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 10:25 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Ending the Ivory Trade

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I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Joan Ellis

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From: Javier Guerra <javier.r.guerra@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 10:26 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: HB2183

To whom this may concern,

I write to you from a world away in the Rio Grande Valley, TX to urge you to support HB2183 an BAN the trade of ivory in your fine state. Everyday the amazing keystone species of elephants and rhinos are mutilated and discarded in order to become mere trinkets for humans to posses. I realize it is a small step and that it will not stop the problem flat out, but it is a step. The U.S. needs a leader and someone we can follow in this crusade and I hope that it can be you.

Many thanks for your attention,

Javier Guerra

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From: Tracy Rand <tdcrand@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 10:29 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: SAVE THE ELEPHANTS!

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From: sally j. peterson <sisterbean@redshift.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 10:05 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: HB2183

Hello,

I am writing to plead with you to please support HB2183. Please stop the trade in ivory. The future of wild elephants literally depends on it. You can make a difference in the issue of elephant extinction. Please do your part.

Thank you for your consideration of support for HB2183.

Sally Peterson
Pacific Grove, California

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From: Candice Chevaillier <candice_chevaillier@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 10:35 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: SUPPORT HB2183

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From: Isabel barros <isabarros@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 10:48 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: END to the ivory trade through supporting HB2183

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Warmly,

Isabel Barros

California

United States of America

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From: ARTHURCAZET@comcast.net
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 10:51 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Fwd: A favor to ask... Please read

From: "Denise Flynn" <denflynn@verizon.net>
To: "Traci Boone" <twboone@verizon.net>, "Art & Martha Cazet" <arthurcazet@comcast.net>, "Cerise Cazet" <ccazet26@gmail.com>, "Terri Clarke" <TClarke190@aol.com>, "Jamie Grivich" <Jamie.Grivich@medica.com>, "Meghan Flynn" <flynn.meghan@gmail.com>, "Kristin Hartman" <kristin_hartman@ml.com>, "Joanne Long" <bradandjo@verizon.net>, "Nancy Neomany" <neomany@verizon.net>, "Debby Olsen" <povallstar@sbcglobal.net>, "Kevin M Poorman" <KPOORMAN@AACPS.org>, "Lisa Puglisi" <dpbuildersinc@msn.com>, "Rick & Michelle Seleski" <rseleski@ddsexpress.com>, "Kathy Steinbrecher" <kathysteinbrecher@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 1, 2014 7:58:18 PM
Subject: A favor to ask... Please read

Hi,

I am writing to ask if you could spare a few moments to send an email (provided below - just copy and paste) to the Hawaii legislators who are meeting to consider a bill for a ban on the ivory trade. Elephants are being poached in record numbers, all for the desire for a trinket made from their tusks. At the current rate, elephants will become extinct by 2025 if something is not done to stop this needless slaughter. The money that poachers earn to kill these amazing creatures is often used to fund terrorist activities around the globe. The demand for ivory is highest in China, but sadly the USA is the second highest market for ivory trinkets.

An organization called March for Elephants - www.marchforelephants.org (DC Chapter) that is working with other groups around the world to stop poaching. We really feel that headway is being made and the momentum is there, so we are asking for as much help as possible at this critical juncture.. we need as many people to write to the committee (EDBtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov) as possible and ask them to support HB2183. It is important that the Committee understands that this is a GLOBAL issue/crisis and Hawaii is in a position to be a global critical leader in protecting elephants.

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Outcome of this bill is extremely important. Not only because it is the first of such legislation that has been introduced so far in the USA, but also because Hawaii is a top ivory market. Fate of this bill will set a tone for New York and other states in the USA to help stop elephant poaching.

Please, please take just a few moments to copy the addresses below into the "to" field and then copy and paste the body of the letter and send it off with the "subject" PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183! Please pass this on to friends and family - it will only take a few moments. This has to be done ASAP (please) as the committee is meeting [on Tuesday, February 4th.](#)

Thanks so much for your help!
Much Aloha,
Denise

Please copyTo:
EDBtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov
reptsuji@capitol.hawaii.gov
repward@capitol.hawaii.gov
reprhoads@capitol.hawaii.gov

Dear Sirs,

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Warmly.

Your name

Your City/State/Country

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Caroline Sévilla <caronyna@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 10:52 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Karl Rhoads; Rep. Gene Ward
Subject: For Your Attention

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Caroline Sévilla
France

Envoyé de mon iPad

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From: Keith Lloyd <keithlloyd45@outlook.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 11:02 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: the Ivory trade

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Warmly,

Heather Palmer from the united Kingdom

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From: Tani K <kanakasurf@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 11:07 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: BILL HB2183

Dear Representatives,

Please consider supporting bill HB2183 which calls for an ivory trade ban here in the State of Hawaii. As the poaching of endangered species nears a critical juncture on several continents, a ban on ivory trade is essential to ensure the continuation of these species. Hawaii is the second largest retailer of ivory in the nation. This bill is a step toward protecting elephants from continued massacre for the blood ivory trade.

Let's make a progressive statement by passing this bill. Our unique cultural diversity here in the State of Hawaii deems this the right move and direction in which to go.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Tani Knott

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From: TClarke190@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 11:14 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183!

Dear Sirs,

Aloha from a resident of California

PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183! Ivory is (primarily) the outcome of poaching. The unmitigated and relentless poaching of African elephants. It is also well established that poaching sponsors terrorism. I am urging your committee to encourage enforcing a total ban on the trade and importation of ivory (whether raw or vanity) in and to the state of Hawaii.

It is with great pride and much aloha that I support this effort by the HSUS to ban the ivory trade in the Aloha State, unfortunately a "top" ivory market in the USA, possibly next only to New York and perhaps ahead of San Francisco.

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I also humbly ask that you support vigorous prosecution of those who engage in activities that sponsor, promote and escalate poaching; to this end, I recommend that the state of Hawaii furnish its law enforcement personnel with the resources required to expose, mitigate and end the trade in ivory within Hawaii; It is well established that the killing of wild animals and the sale of their body parts is funding terrorism - which includes the recent Westgate mall attack and the killing of innocent human victims in Nairobi, Kenya. As global citizens, as the gateway to the east, the Aloha state and USA must take on a strong and unequivocal leadership role to end the ivory trade immediately.

I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
Teresa Clarke
California, CA , USA

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From: Kerstin Halavin <k.halavin@gmx.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 11:25 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Support an END to the ivory trade through supporting HB2183

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
Kerstin Halavin
Germany, Berlin

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From: Lois Meredith <loismeredith@earthlink.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 11:29 AM
To: edbtestimony
Cc: Rep. Clifton K. Tsujii; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads

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Warmly,

Lois Meredith, Ph. D.
New York, USA

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From: lori richloff <loriloff@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 11:32 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please Support HB2183

PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183.

This is an opportunity for Hawaii to take the national lead in protecting elephants.

Sincerely,
Lori Richloff

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From: Carolyn Goodwin Kueffner <Carolyn.Goodwin-Kueffner@uvm.edu>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 11:39 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Please help save our Earth's elephants by supporting HB2183

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As the second largest retailer of ivory in the nation, your beautiful state could set an example for the rest of the planet by helping to protect this incredible increasingly endangered species.

Thank you!

Carolyn Goodwin Kueffner
Waterbury Center, Vermont

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From: Amanda <mandajs@ig.com.br>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 11:47 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: ivory

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
Amanda J. Simao

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From: Sarah Jost <sarahbjost@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 11:49 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please support HB2183

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
Sarah Jost
Chicago, IL, USA

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 11:54 AM
To: edbtestimony
Cc: ihemphi@live.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB2183 on Feb 4, 2014 08:30AM

HB2183

Submitted on: 2/2/2014

Testimony for EDB on Feb 4, 2014 08:30AM in Conference Room 312

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Denise Key	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Denise Key, support bill HB2183 which calls for an ivory trade ban here in the State of Hawaii. As the poaching of endangered species nears a critical juncture on several continents, a ban on ivory trade is essential to ensure the continuation of these species. Hawaii is the second largest retailer of ivory in the nation. This bill is a step toward protecting our endangered species. Let's make a progressive statement by passing this bill. Our unique cultural diversity here in the State of Hawaii deems this the right move and direction in which to go. Mahalo for your being pono. Sincerely, Denise Key

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From: Joyce Baker <bakerjoyce8@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 11:55 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Please pass HB 2183 to ban ivory sales in Hawaii.

Dear Committee Members,

Please support HB 2183 to ban ivory sales in Hawaii. There is an elephant poaching emergency going on in Africa and Asia, a full-on crisis, with 35,000 killed for their tusks last year alone. One elephant is killed every 15 minutes. The fact that "old", pre-1989 ban ivory is still allowed to be bought and sold is what is wiping out this species. It is too difficult and expensive to tell the difference between old ivory and new ivory. This loophole will cause the extinction of elephants by 2025 - a species that has walked the earth for millions of years!

Please let Hawaii lead the way in showing the world that you will no longer allow any part of the ivory trade in your state.

Sincerely,

Joyce Baker
611 Bakertown Rd.
Windsor, NC 27983

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From: Mr. John H Heminway <john@heminway.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 12:07 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Ivory

Hawaii, as the 2nd largest retailer of ivory in the nation, has the chance to protect elephants from their continued massacre for the blood ivory trade. I ask you to please SUPPORT HB2183. This is a global crisis and Hawaii can take the national lead in protecting elephants!

John H. Heminway

917-842-9799

john@heminway.net

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* Please change your records to reflect I am now using john@heminway.net exclusively.

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From: clara kisinyo <clara.kisinyo@sunrise.ch>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 12:03 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Support an END to the ivory trade through supporting HB2183 on February 4th, 2014 ! Thank you !

Importance: High

Dear Sirs,

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I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,

Clara Kisinyo-Locher
7130 Ilanz
Switzerland

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From: Robyn Newkirk <robyn.newkirk@alumni.dominican.edu>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 12:04 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Please SUPPORT HB2183

PLEASE SUPPORT AN END TO THE IVORY TRADE IN HAWAII: SUPPORT HB2183

Dear Sirs,

Greetings! I hope this finds you well.

PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183!

Ivory is primarily the outcome of poaching; the unmitigated and relentless poaching of African elephants. It is well established that **POACHING SPONSORS TERRORISM**.

I am urging your committee to **PLEASE ENCOURAGE ENFORCING AN END TO THE TRADE AND IMPORTATION OF IVORY (WHETHER RAW OR VANITY) IN AND TO THE STATE OF HAWAII**.

IT IS WITH GREAT PRIDE AND MUCH ALOHA THAT I SUPPORT THIS EFFORT BY the HSUS TO END THE IVORY TRADE IN THE ALOHA STATE, UNFORTUNATELY A "TOP" IVORY MARKET IN THE USA, POSSIBLY NEXT ONLY TO NEW YORK AND PERHAPS AHEAD OF SAN FRANCISCO.

I write on behalf of all victims, human and animal alike, of the horrific poaching crisis in Africa.

POACHING SPONSORS TERRORISM, KILLS 35,000+ ELEPHANTS EACH YEAR, 100 A DAY AND AN ASTOUNDING 1 EVERY FIFTEEN MINUTES;
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AMONGST THE HUMAN VICTIMS OF POACHING ARE THE 1000+ RANGERS WHO WERE MURDERED IN THE LINE OF DUTY IN THE PAST 10 YEARS ALONE.

It is also well established that **THE KILLING OF CRITICALLY ENDANGERED WILD ANIMALS AND THE SALE OF THEIR BODY PARTS IS FUNDING TERRORISM** - which includes the recent Westgate mall attack and the killing of innocent human victims in Nairobi, Kenya.

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As global citizens, as the gateway to the east, THE ALOHA STATE AND THE USA MUST TAKE ON A STRONG AND UNEQUIVOCAL LEADERSHIP ROLE TO END THE IVORY TRADE IMMEDIATELY.

I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly.
Robyn Newkirk
(415) 599-5446
United States of America

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From: allanl211@comcast.net
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 12:29 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: HB2183

Please support HB2183. Ivory is primarily the outcome of poaching. Poaching sponsors terrorism, kills 35,000 elephants each year, 100 a day and an astounding 1 every 15 minutes. At this rate the elephant is slated for extinction in the wilds of Africa within 10 years. Among the human victims of poaching are the 1000+ rangers murdered on the job in the past 10 years.

It is also well established that the killing of endangered wild animals and the selling of body parts is funding terrorism as evidenced by the recent Westgate Mall attack in Kenya.

Please support HB 2183 and stop the sale of ivory in Hawaii.

Thank you!

Linda Allan

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From: Crystal Lesley <lesleyzoo@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 1:01 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183

I am writing to please urge you to ban the trade on Ivory. As you know Hawaii, as the second largest retailer of ivory in the nation, has the chance to protect elephants from their continued massacre for the blood ivory trade! This is a global crisis and Hawaii can take the national lead in protecting elephants! It is so very important to protect these magnificent creature. You have the power. PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183

Thank you on behalf of the elephants,

Crystal Lesley

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From: Paula von Weller <p.vonweller@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 1:08 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: HB2183

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,

Paula von Weller
USA

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From: Robert Culbertson <dancingcloudrefuge@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 1:42 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Support for HB 2183

Dear Legislators,

Please vote in favor of this bill to help protect an endangered species beyond our shores. As a citizen already well aware and taking action in my own right to help restore endangered plant species here on the Big Island, I recognized the duty and obligation to thwart the trade in ivory that is fueling the impending demise of these magnificent creatures. I urge YOU to make more than a symbolic act to help STOP the SLAUGHTER!

Mahalo nui loa!

R.A. Culbertson
Paauilo, HI 96776

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From: Clare Jerome <clare.jerome@yahoo.co.uk>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 1:45 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183!

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Warmly,
Clare Jerome, England

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From: Jodi Lecuyer <pt78c6@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 1:50 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: SAVE THE ELEPHANTS

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Warmly,
Dr. Jodi Lecuyer
Canada

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From: Jennifer Chiwa <bjcmd808@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 1:56 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please SUPPORT HB2183 to Protect Elephants

Aloha, Economic Development and Business Committee members. Please support HB 2183 to ban the sale of ivory. Federal laws are not enough. Passing this bill would make Hawaii a global leader in this effort just as the banning of shark fin sales did. Mahalo for you consideration.

Jennifer Chiwa

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From: Mary-Eileen <eppie65062@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 2:12 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: End the Ivory Trade

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Warmly,
Mary-Eileen Cox
71 Kinderhook Street
Chatham, NY 12037
USA

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From: Kristin Dodds <kristindodds@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 2:23 PM
To: edbtestimony

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Warmly,
Kristin Dodds
San Francisco, CA USA

ward2-Robin

From: Lyn Reese <lynreese@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 2:37 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: elephant protection

Dear Committee Members,

I urge you to support State Bill: HB2183 to stop the sale of ivory in Hawaii, and protect one of the most beautiful and endanger animals on earth.

Thank you,
Carolyn Reese
Berkeley, California

ward2-Robin

From: Tina Bounds <care4petservices@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 2:45 PM
To: edbtestimony
Cc: care4petservices@yahoo.com
Subject: Please SUPPORT HB2183 to Protect Elephants

I STRONGLY URGE you to SUPPORT HB2183 to Protect ELEPHRFRIENDS!!!

I am beyond shocked to know that Hawaii is the 2nd largest retailer of ivory in the nation. Tens of thousands of Elephants are poached EVERY YEAR for their tusks....and for what??? so we, humans can wear their tusks as jewelry, sculpture, or have them hanging in our home??

Ivory belongs on the ELEPHANTS, NOT humans!!!!

These highly intelligent, sentient beings should not be Murdered for human vanity!!!

Current federal laws are inadequate and contain many loopholes. By passing this law, Hawaii has the chance to be a GLOBAL leader in elephant conservation!

PLEAAAAASE do the right thing and Support HB2183 To Protect these magnificent living beings!!!!

Thank you for your time,

Tina Bounds

ward2-Robin

From: andrea glass <andrea4341@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 3:05 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Support a ban on ivory NOW!

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Warmly.
Andrea Glass
San Francisco, CA 94131.

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From: Nathan Sato <npsato@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 8:11 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please SUPPORT HB2183 to Protect Elephants

The sale of ivory kills elephants. Please ban the sale of ivory, regardless of its age. Ban the possession of ivory, exempting antique items, defined as from elephants killed before 1900, that has appropriate documentation.

Aloha,
Nathan Sato
Honolulu

ward2-Robin

From: Michelle Susanen <msusanen@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 8:12 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: END IVORY TRADE! SUPPORT HB2183!

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
Michelle Susanen
451 Pontiac ave.
Brick, NJ 08724
908-507-7776

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From: Summit DL <summitdogluv@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 3:05 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183!

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Warmly,
Lisa Kucukdogerli
California, USA

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 3:39 PM
To: edbtestimony
Cc: ahuntemer@aol.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB2183 on Feb 4, 2014 08:30AM

HB2183

Submitted on: 2/2/2014

Testimony for EDB on Feb 4, 2014 08:30AM in Conference Room 312

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Angela Huntemer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support the banned of all trade in ivory in Hawaii. We set the stage by being the first to ban shark fins. Ivory trade was banned by CITIES but there is an exemption for "antique" ivory. Please ban the trade of all ivory! Mahalo

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From: clara zhang <claraapplebeez@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 3:40 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please End The Ivory Trade. Please Support HB2183

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Yours sincerely
Clara Zhang
Singapore

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From: Tracie King <tracieking@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 3:45 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Support HB 2183

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Thanks so much for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,
Tracie King
Stockton, NJ

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From: Susan McGarvey <mcgarveysus@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 4:06 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: HB 2183

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Susan McGarvey

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From: Jean Fankell <jfankell@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 4:15 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Ban ivory

Please pass the HB to stop the sale of ivory. Save elephants!!!!

Sent from my iPad

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From: angelito roño <0512keshia@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 4:17 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads

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Warmly.

Angelito Roño

Philippines

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From: Sajida Bagha <sajbagha@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 4:33 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Bill to end ivory sales

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Sajidha Bagha
Sudbury On Canada

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From: Jayne Taylor <bloozane@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 4:38 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: re: Hawaii State Bill: HB2183 from March For Elephants!

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Thank you for your time & consideration ~ Jayne Taylor, Trenton, NJ

ward2-Robin

From: Kris Eugene-Johnson <kris94114@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 5:00 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please support State Bill: HB2183

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Warmly,
Kristie C. Eugene
San Francisco, CA

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From: Susie Weeks <susie@mountkenyatrust.org>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 4:54 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: FW: [Kenya Elephant Forum] Please write to support a Ban on ivory trade in USA

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**We beg you please to help stop the senseless slaughter,
Susie Weeks**

Susie Weeks, Executive Officer, Mount Kenya Trust
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From: Joyce Poole <jpoole@elephantvoices.org>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 6:14 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Hawaii's efforts to protect elephants

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to seek your support for Hawaii's effort and leadership in prohibiting ivory sales. I have just learned that a committee hearing will be held on February 4 to review HB 2183 that would prohibit the import, sale, offer for sale, or possession with intent to sell any ivory products. **Hawaii is the 2nd largest retailer of ivory in the nation. Through this bill Hawaii will have the chance to protect elephants from their continued massacre for the blood ivory trade. I ask you to please SUPPORT HB2183. Elephants are facing a global crisis and Hawaii can take the national lead in protecting elephants!**

Respectfully,

Joyce H. Poole, PhD

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From: Harvey Croze <hcroze@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 6:21 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Cc: Paula Kahumbu
Subject: Ban all ivory trade, internal and external

Dear Sirs/Mesdames,

Hawaii, as the 2nd largest retailer of ivory in the nation, has the opportunity and responsibility to protect elephants from their continued massacre for the bloody ivory trade.

The loss of elephants at the current rate means the loss of keystone species in our lifetimes. It is tantamount to genocide. It is is a global crisis.

I entreat you to SUPPORT HB2183.

Hawaii can take the national lead in protecting elephants!

Sincerely,

Harvey Croze, DPhil.

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ward2-Robin

From: Mary Markl <ahimsamary99999@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 6:52 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please SUPPORT HB2183 to Protect Elephants

Please support this bill in your committee and after with your colleagues until passage. The legislature has the unique power to change lives for the better in Hawaii and in the world as an international model of humane evolution for the environment, animals and people. Nations that are making financial gains often look to such models for example. Environmentally the world is going backwards as is the case for these special creatures. Look at the horrible murder they and/or their families go through for a product that could probably be created synthetically and one wouldn't know the difference. The buck stops at the legislators who have the power of life and death especially over feeling animals and the environment. When you don't use that power to protect, life will make you accountable for it since we will return to it at some point. Please enact laws to protect these creatures that sale of such items that causes their death is forbidden here and insist, push for other humane laws with all legislators for the animals and environment so that it doesn't become just an empty tourist impression but an actual fact that Hawaii have legislators with heart and dignity in action rather than copout, apathy resulting in more hopelessness in the world. Thank you.

ward2-Robin

From: Judy Maxwell <jamax1942@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 6:58 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Elephants

This bill will be introduced on Monday and if passed would ban the import, sell, offer to sell, or possess with intent to sell any ivory product. Please support bill HB2183.

Thank you
Judy Maxwell
Canada

ward2-Robin

From: Beverly Eanes <edebeke@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 6:27 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Ivory poaching

Dear Sirs,

Aloha from a resident of _____

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I also humbly ask that you support vigorous prosecution of those who engage in activities that sponsor, promote and escalate poaching; to this end, I recommend that the state of Hawaii furnish its law enforcement personnel with the resources required to expose, mitigate and end the trade in ivory within Hawaii; It is well established that the killing of wild animals and the sale of their body parts is funding terrorism - which includes the recent Westgate mall attack and the killing of innocent human victims in Nairobi, Kenya. As global citizens, as the gateway to the east, the Aloha state and USA must take on a strong and unequivocal leadership role to end the ivory trade immediately.

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Warmly,
Beverly Eanes
Annapolis, MD USA

ward2-Robin

From: Victoria Anderson <vanderso@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 7:27 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please SUPPORT HB2183 to Protect Elephants

Dear Economic Development and Business Committee:

Please, please show your **very strongest** support for HB2183, prohibiting the sale of ivory in the state of Hawaii! As someone who has volunteered yearly at an elephant sanctuary in Thailand, I know firsthand how intelligent, compassionate, and sentient elephants are. I don't want to live in a world where elephants have become extinct--what a bereft world that would be.

Hawaii can make a huge difference for elephants, by being at the forefront of laws that help stem the massacre of elephants. We did it with the Anti-Shark Finning initiative. Hawaii turns out to be, incredibly, the 2nd largest retailer of ivory in the US! And it's too easy for sellers to hide behind loopholes that allow the sale of pre-1978 ivory, since no one has on site equipment to verify the age and provenance of the ivory. The only solution is to outlaw all ivory sales outright!

Reputable estimates are that one elephant is poached EVERY 15 MINUTES so his or her ivory may be cut off, sometimes while she lies dying. At this rate, elephants will be extinct in the wild in 12 years.

Please push this bill through as soon as possible! This is a critical time for elephants!

Many thanks,

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From: Stewart Elizabeth <estewart88@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 6:54 PM
To: Rep. Gene Ward; edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183!

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I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
Elizabeth Stewart
United States

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From: Linda Rodriguez <lirodriguez@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 6:20 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Please Ban the Ivory Trade in the Aloha State

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Warmly,
Linda Rodriguez
United States of America

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From: Natalie Chew <nchew2@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 7:44 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please SUPPORT HB2183 to Protect Elephants

The sale of ivory kills elephants. Poachers in Africa kill abt 25,000-35,000 elephants each year! This is about 104 elephants dying each day. Please ban the sale of ivory, regardless of its age. Ban the possession of ivory, exempting antique items, defined as from elephants killed before 1900, that has appropriate documentation.

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From: Rosalind Reeve <roz.reeve@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 7:15 PM
To: Rep. Gene Ward; edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Ban ivory trade in Hawaii

Hawaii, as the 2nd largest retailer of ivory in the nation, has the chance to protect elephants from their continued massacre for the blood ivory trade. I ask you to please SUPPORT HB2183. This is a global crisis and Hawaii can take the national lead in protecting elephants!

With thanks

Rosalind Reeve

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From: rosemary.alles@gmail.com on behalf of march.for.elephants
<march.for.elephants@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 7:51 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: END IVORY TRADE! SUPPORT HB2183!

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
March for Elephants San Francisco
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From: Moli Steinert <molisteinert@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 6:36 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Stop the ivory trade in Hawaii NOW

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I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

In peace,
Moli Steinert
San Francisco, California USA

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From: Joan Lichterman <joanlichterman@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 6:59 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Support for HB2183 and an end to the ivory trade

Dear Sirs,

Greetings! I hope this finds you well.

I am writing to urge you to make Hawaii a model for the rest of the nation by supporting HB2183. Most ivory on the market is there because of the relentless poaching of African elephants. Much of the proceeds are used to sponsor terrorism, which many governments are acknowledging. Please urge your colleagues to enforce an end to the trade and importation of all ivory in and to the state of Hawaii without exceptions.

The Humane Society of the US is promoting this effort because the Aloha State, unfortunately, is one of the "top" ivory markets in the USA, next to New York and San Francisco. Exceptions allowed in other legislation and in international agreements have enabled the continued importation and sale of ivory, and stymied enforcement.

Both humans and animals are victims of the horrific poaching crisis in Africa. Poaching kills more than 35,000 elephants every year. That breaks down to 100 a day, or an astounding one every 15 minutes. At this rate, the majestic elephant -- a keystone species that's essential to spreading seeds and maintaining forests -- will be extinct in the wilds of Africa within 10 years. In the past 10 years, over 1,000 rangers were murdered in the line of duty. These losses are destabilizing Africa's ecology and society -- especially as the sale of ivory is funding terrorism, such as the recent Westgate mall attack in Nairobi, Kenya.

As Hawaii is a compassionate, progressive, and dynamic state, I hope the legislature leads the rest of the US by doing the right thing by Earth's last elephants, the people of Africa, the people of the world, and the people of Hawaii.

Thank you for your time and efforts and leadership in banning the ivory trade.

Mahalo nui loa.

Sincerely,

Joan Lichterman

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From: Bonnie Pannell <touchpeace@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 8:24 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: HB2183 - URGENT

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly.

Bonnie Pannell

United States.

"Wisdom tells me I am nothing. Love tells me I am everything. And between the two my life flows." Nisargadatta Maharaj

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From: Maurice - Mount Kenya Trust <maurice@mountkenyatrust.org>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 9:00 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: *****SPAM***** Please write to support a Ban on ivory trade in USA

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From: Bonnie Fox <foxbonni@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 9:53 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please SUPPORT HB2183 to Protect Elephants

Hello,

Please support HB2183 to protect elephants. Any sale of ivory old or new kills hundreds of elephants daily. Please help stop the market for senseless elephant slaughter. The current rule restricting sale to only old ivory is impossible to enforce properly and is doing nothing to save elephant lives. Elephants will go extinct in less than a few decades if we do not stop the market for ivory. I do not want to live in state that is the second largest seller of ivory because I want to have nothing to do with people who care more about profits over deaths. Please support this bill to help save the elephants! Ban the possession of ivory, exempting antique items, defined as from elephants killed before 1900, that has appropriate documentation. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Bonnie F.

ward2-Robin

From: info@starsmentor.org
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 9:54 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183

Kindly support HB2183 TO REALIZE its hundred percent ban on ivory trade. For every two ivory sold, an elephant is killed and this moves us closer to a world without elephants.

Zachuas Ogonji For Stars Mentor Initiative

ward2-Robin

From: piacere <giovannacapone@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 10:00 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji
Subject: Please Help End the Ivory Trade

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Giovanna Capone
Oakland, CA

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From: angelhaydn@gmail.com on behalf of Angel Reed <angelhaydn@post.harvard.edu>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 10:18 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: HB2183

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Warmly,
Angel Reed
San Francisco, CA

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From: Drew Kuwazaki <drewk@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Sunday, February 02, 2014 11:01 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please SUPPORT HB2183 to Protect Elephants

Please support HB2183. The selling of ivory kills elephants and we need to ban any and all forms of this practice to protect these innocent creatures. It may seem like there are tons of elephants in the world, but there are so many that are killed and poached for their tusks. We need to act NOW. Please take the time and look towards passing this bill, it's so much more than just saving elephants--it's saving a living creature that has no means of protecting itself from the violence of mankind. I can't even imagine growing up in a world where elephants no longer exist; it's mind-blowing to realize that we're just 12 short years from that if this practice continues. Please see that this gets passed. We need to take action, and we need to work together. We just need to do the right thing.

Thank you

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Drew
UH Manoa student

From: GMF <gmf@gallmannkenya.co.ke>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 12:07 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward
Subject: Ban on ivory

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 12:52 AM
To: edbtestimony
Cc: Pgrunauer3@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB2183 on Feb 4, 2014 08:30AM
Attachments: The sale of ivory kills elephants.docx

HB2183

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From: Cathy Druckhammer Bales <cathydbales@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 12:54 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: HB2183

Please support HB2183 calling for an end to the ivory trade. Please help save the elephants.

Thank you,
Cathy Bales

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From: Marianne Maetz <marianne.bo@gmx.de>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 1:07 AM
To: edbtestimony

Importance: High

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Warmly.

Marianne Boschen
Reutlingen, Germany, EU

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From: Aldo Giovannella <aldo.giovannella@stsgroup.it>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 1:16 AM
To: edbtestimony
Cc: Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; rephoads@capitol.hawaii.gov
Subject: Re: SUBJECT: END IVORY TRADE! SUPPORT HB2183!

Importance: High

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Dr. Aldo Giovannella

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Italy

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From: Susie Haynes <susie@haynesus.fsnet.co.uk>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 1:18 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: SUBJECT: END IVORY TRADE! SUPPORT HB2183!

Dear Sirs,

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I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Best Regards
Susie Haynes
Wisbech, Cambs, UK

ward2-Robin

From: Frank Dietz <eadietz@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 1:44 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Supporting HB2183

Hello,

I just wanted to say you have the support of the people of the United States and around the World. This Bill (HB2183) will play such an important role in the protection of the elephants.

Thank you so much!
Elizabeth A. Dietz

ward2-Robin

From: Nely R. <nelyrelio@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 1:47 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: support HB2183

Dear team,

I'm a person from Spain who is really worried about elephants and the use of the ivory.

I would like you to support them and to forbid the sale of ivory in Hawaii.

I don't know if it's going to be useful this email, but I try to do my best and want to collaborate.

http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2014/Bills/HB2183_.pdf

Please, enact this bill, there are a lot of people around the world who want to help.

Thanks, and God bless you.

Manuela Rebollo de la Rosa.

ward2-Robin

From: Valentina Vaschetto <vale.vaschetto@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 1:50 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please save the elephant.

Good Morning,

My name is Valentina. I'm 29 years old. A simple student and a worker in a call center. I spend lot of my time inside of four wall and I would like to do something better for me, my life and life in general.

I'm simply asking to agree and support the HB2183, so that to make a better place for you and for me and for the future generation.

THank you very much.

I hope that my little pray and wish will become true.

Valentina.

ward2-Robin

From: Patricia Hughes <patatpeace@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 1:55 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please support HB2183

I ask you to consider Bill HB2183 banning the traffic and use of ivory. It is so hard to watch the orphans of those massive adult elephants killed for trinkets. Please support HB2183.

Sincerely,
Patricia Hughes
Rensselaer, NY 12144

ward2-Robin

From: cynthia o'connor <cynthia.n.oconnor@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 1:59 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Hearing regarding ban of Ivory sales SUPPORT HB2183!

Dear Sirs,

Thank you for taking action on this horrible crime and the the devastation that is behind it and resultant of it. A few weeks ago I have the privilege of testifying before the New York State Assembly on the effectiveness of our own law regarding the sale of illegal Ivory. Testimony of experts from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, to Federal and local law enforcement agencies and many others (link attached here) all came to the same conclusion: Nothing less than a total ban on the sale of Ivory can stop this action. link:
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/av/>

PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183! Ivory is (primarily) the outcome of poaching. The unmitigated and relentless poaching of African elephants. It is well established that poaching (also) sponsors terrorism. I am urging your committee to encourage enforcing an end to the trade and importation of ivory (whether raw or vanity) in and to the state of Hawaii.

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It is also well established that the killing of critically endangered wild animals and the sale of their body parts is funding terrorism - which includes the recent Westgate mall attack and the killing of innocent human victims in Nairobi, Kenya.

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I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

The elephants and the world are counting on you,

My very best,

Cynthia O'Connor

2014~~~ The Year of the Elephant!

"Ite, omnia incendite, et inflamate"

ward2-Robin

From: Shilpa Pai <shilpa_pai@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 1:59 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please support HB2183

Dear Hawaii Economic Development and Business Committee,

Please support HB2183 that prohibits any person, firm, partnership, or corporation from importing, selling, offering to sell, or possessing with intent to sell any ivory product. You have the support of people across the USA (including myself), and the support of many others across the world.

You can play an important role in the protection of elephants by enacting this Bill and we are all looking to you for your support.

Thank you,

Shilpa Pai

ward2-Robin

From: D <gigi2800@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 2:01 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Ivory Trade

Dear Hawaii!

I am from Chicago, and I am writing today to support your proposed ban on ivory trade, HB2183.

As the most beautiful place in our country, where perhaps tradition is preserved better than anywhere else, and where all the world looks to for nature at it's most exquisite, we look to you to set the standard for preserving all that is beautiful, natural, and yes... endangered in our world.

If Hawaii takes a stand against ivory trade, thereby helping to protect the world's treasured and endangered elephants, it will be a call heard around the world, appealing to the best in us. We need you to stand today for all of us in saying that our beautiful planet, and her creatures, deserve our respect, our love, and our protection.

Thank you so much for leading the way,
Denise Gaeta
Chicago, Illinois

ward2-Robin

From: Kim Ribbink <kimribbink@inet.net.au>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 2:16 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: *****SPAM***** Bill HB2183

To Whom it may concern

I'm writing to ask you to please support HB2183 to prohibit the sale of ivory in Hawaii. The poaching of elephants has reached crisis point and we are tragically facing the wiping out of all wild elephants in our lifetime unless the sale of ivory is made illegal. Please do this for these magnificent creatures and the people from countries who depend on tourism for their livelihoods, not to mention to put a stop to the flow of money to terrorist organizations.

Kind regards,
Kim

ward2-Robin

From: Ivana Vanacova <ivanavanacova@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 2:17 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Support HB2183

Dear Hawaii!

My name is Ivana and I am from the Czech Republic, and I am writing today to support your proposed ban on ivory trade, HB2183.

If Hawaii takes a stand against ivory trade, thereby helping to protect the world's treasured and endangered elephants, it will be a call heard around the world, appealing to the best in us. We need you to stand today for all of us in saying that our beautiful planet, and her creatures, deserve our respect, our love, and our protection.

Thank you so much for leading the way and for helping elephants,

Ivana

ward2-Robin

From: Anne Mauck <almauck@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 2:45 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please supportHB2183

I am so excited you are considering this bill!!!! And, pray that it is passed. Elephants are such magnificent and sensitive animals as we have learned from lots of research! It seems so archaic that people still slaughter them just for their tusks! I know you will have the support of the people all over the U.S. for making such great statement if this bill enacted.

Many thanks again.

ward2-Robin

From: Heinz Studer <heinz.studer@more4urmoney.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 2:47 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Aloha from Zurich Switzerland

Importance: High

Dear Sir or Madame

I have enjoyed many vacation trips to various Islands in Hawaii.

Tomorrow the Hawaii Economic Development and Business Committee will hear a bill to prohibit the sale of ivory in Hawaii. Specifically the bill "Prohibits any person, firm, partnership, or corporation from importing, selling, offering to sell, or possessing with intent to sell any ivory product."

Please support HB2183, you have the support of people across the USA and around world and you will play an important role in the protection of elephants by enacting this Bill. Thank you for your support.

Best regards
Heinz Studer

ward2-Robin

From: betty ottoson <bottoson1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 2:48 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: HB2183

To whom it may concern,

Please know that I, along with the support of people across the United States and the world support HB2183 to secure a future for the Elephant, and honor those that have been poached. This slaughter has to stop.

Sincerely
Betty Ottoson

ward2-Robin

From: Ilir Hasani <hasani@orange.fr>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 2:48 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Support HB2183

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>> Dear Hawaii!

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>> My name is Ilir and I am from Kosovo, and I am writing today to support your proposed ban on ivory trade, HB2183.

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>> If Hawaii takes a stand against ivory trade, thereby helping to protect the world's treasured and endangered elephants, it will be a call heard around the world, appealing to the best in us. We need you to stand today for all of us in saying that our beautiful planet, and her creatures, deserve our respect, our love, and our protection.

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>> Thank you so much for leading the way and for helping elephants,

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>> Ilir

ward2-Robin

From: sarah wenk <smw380@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 2:49 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: HB2183

Hello: People all over the world are looking to Hawaii to take the lead on banning the sale of ivory. As you know, elephants are in danger of being poached to extinction for these trinkets.

I urge the passage of Bill HB2183. Please protect these glorious creatures and show the rest of the world the way to move forward with compassion.

Thank you,

Sarah Wenk
Brooklyn, NY

ward2-Robin

From: Marylee At Chakras Yoga <marylee@chakrasyoga.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 2:50 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Save The Elephants

To Whom it May Concern,

Please support the HB2183 bill.

No one should be buying ivory. I want my child to grow up in a world with elephants.

Thank you

M. Fairbanks.

ward2-Robin

From: Rachel Dale <rach14_07@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 2:55 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: HB2183 Bill

To whom it may concern

I am briefly writing to you to urge you to support the HB2183 bill. This bill would have a hugely beneficial effect on elephants, and therefore ecosystem conservation as a whole. It would put Hawaii at the forefront of a topic of international importance.

I hope to see this bill passed.

Kind regards,
Rachel Dale

Please consider the environment. Do you really need to print this email?

ward2-Robin

From: Ann Early <caearly52@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 3:12 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Fwd: Another small task to help elephants. . .

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From: LYNNE LEAKEY <lynne_safari@hotmail.com>
Date: Mon, Feb 3, 2014 at 6:38 AM
Subject: Re: Another small task to help elephants. . .
To: Ann Early <caearly52@gmail.com>

Dear Committee Members,

Please support HB 2183 to ban ivory sales in Hawaii. There is an elephant poaching emergency going on in Africa and Asia, a full-on crisis, with 35,000 killed for their tusks last year alone. One elephant is killed every 15 minutes. The fact that "old", pre-1989 ban ivory is still allowed to be bought and sold is what is wiping out this species. It is too difficult and expensive to tell the difference between old ivory and new ivory. This loophole will cause the extinction of elephants by 2025-a species that has walked the earth for millions of years!

Hawaii seems to be taking a leadership role in many issues that are proving their place on this planet in being more about people, health, environment and our inter-relationship with other human beings and the animal life and welfare of which we are custodians than about greed and ignorance. Please continue to shine a leadership light for others to follow. We so desperately need your wisdom and commitment in these challenging time when we seem to be wandering in the dark. Thank you. Sincerely, Lynne Leakey of Arizona, USA and Nairobi, Kenya

Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile

ward2-Robin

From: Wilma Nijland <wilma.nijland@nijland-notaris.nl>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 3:26 AM
To: edbtestimony
Cc: webserver2@sheldrickwildlifetrust.org
Subject: Please Vote No to Ivory trade HB2183

Importance: High

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Members of the House of representatives of the State of Hawaii,

Please vote for (support the bill to prohibits any person, firm, partnership, or corporation from importing, selling, offering to sell, or possessing with intent to sell any ivory product.

Kind Regards,



Wilma Nijland-van Kooten

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From: Shirley Pattinson <shirleyp@on.aibn.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 3:33 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: re:bill to prohibit the sale of ivory in Hawaii

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Hello,

I am writing you to ask you to please support this bill. The elephants and rhinos are in a desperate situation and anything we can do to stop their annihilation is a good thing for everyone.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,
Shirley Pattinson
1445 Gainsborough Road,
London, Ontario
Canada
N6H 5K7

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From: kelly sauls <fatcatlucy@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 3:38 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: support HB2183

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Please support HB2183.

Sincerely,

Kelley Sauls
1478 Prospect Ave.

Rocky River, OH 44116

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From: gmdarlow@hotmail.com
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 3:41 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Support HB2183

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Hello,

Please support HB2183.

The people and the elephants have support from Canada.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Glen Darlow, Toronto, Canada.



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From: Kristine Bedner <KristineBedner@gmx.net>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 3:41 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Support HB2183: ban on ivory trade

Dear Hawaii!

I am from Germany, and I am writing today to support your proposed ban on ivory trade, HB2183.

Thank you so much for leading the way,

Kristine Bedner

ward2-Robin

From: CHRISTINE FRASER <chris.fraser1@btinternet.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 3:40 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: HB2183: Prohibiting the sale of ivory in Hawaii

Dear Sirs,

Please support the HB2183 bill to prohibit the sale of ivory in Hawaii. Doing so will contribute significantly to the protection of wild elephants, who - as I'm sure you're aware - are endangered, and if poaching continues at its current rate, killing an elephant every fifteen minutes, they will be extinct in around ten years time. What a diabolical loss that would be to our planet. Please, please do the right thing. The world is watching.

Thank you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,
Christine Fraser

Christine Fraser
55 Langar Woods Park
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ward2-Robin

From: Lydia Joseph <lydjoseph@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 3:55 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Please support HB2183

To whom it may concern,

Greetings!

Please help stop the poaching of elephants.

I urge you to SUPPORT HB2183! Ivory is (primarily) the outcome of poaching. The unmitigated and relentless poaching of African elephants. It is well established that poaching (also) sponsors terrorism. I am urging your committee to encourage enforcing an end to the trade and importation of ivory (whether raw or vanity) in and to the state of Hawaii.

I love Hawaii and would consider coming to spend my tourist dollars there if you do the right thing and help save the elephants.

Warmly.

Lydia Joseph
San Francisco, USA

ward2-Robin

From: Christine Chudy <cchudy7@me.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 4:00 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: support HB2183

Good Day,

I live in Massachusetts, but I wanted you to know that you have the support of people across the USA and around world and you can play an important role in the protection of elephants by enacting this Bill.

Thank you

Christine Chudy
Gloucester, MA, 01930

ward2-Robin

From: Michelle Geiger <geiger3778@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 4:02 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: PLEASE support HB2183

Please support this important bill and stop the slaughter of elephants - intelligent living beings that deserve to live their life un-threatened, just as you do.

Michelle Geiger

ward2-Robin

From: Maura Phillips <mauraphillips56@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 4:05 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: State Bill: HB2183

Dear Sirs,

Greetings! I hope this finds you well.

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It is also well established that the killing of critically endangered wild animals and the sale of their body parts is funding terrorism - which includes the recent Westgate mall attack and the killing of innocent human victims in Nairobi, Kenya.

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I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Maura Phillips
United States

ward2-Robin

From: Kim Da Ribeira <kim.daribeira@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 4:07 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: SUBJECT: END IVORY TRADE! SUPPORT HB2183!

Dear Sirs,

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I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Regards

Kim Da Ribeira
Cape Town
South Africa

ward2-Robin

From: MaRiA LiEsKe <m17v9l@gmx.net>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 4:16 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: END IVORY TRADE! SUPPORT HB2183!

Dear Sirs,

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I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,

MARIA L.
GERMANY

ward2-Robin

From: Heather <glynis302@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 4:25 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: END IVORY TRADE! SUPPORT HB2183!

Dear Compassionate Officials,

Greetings! I hope this finds you well.

PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183! As you know, ivory is (primarily) the outcome the unmitigated and relentless poaching of African elephants. It is well established that poaching also sponsors terrorism. I am urging your committee to encourage enforcing an end to the trade and importation of ivory (whether raw or vanity) in and to the state of Hawaii.

It is with great pride and much aloha that I support this effort by the HSUS to end the ivory trade in the Aloha State, unfortunately a "top" ivory market in the USA, possibly next only to New York and perhaps ahead of San Francisco.

I write on behalf of all victims, human and animal alike, of the horrific poaching crisis in Africa. Poaching sponsors terrorism, kills 35,000+ elephants each year, around 100 a day and an astounding 1 every fifteen minutes; The elephant, a keystone species and Earth's grandest terrestrial herbivore is slated for extinction in the wilds of Africa within 10 years. Amongst the human victims of poaching are the 1000+ rangers who were murdered in the line of duty in the past 10 years alone, plus the uncountable number of people killed by terrorism directly funded by illegal ivory.

It is also well established that the killing of critically endangered wild animals and the sale of their body parts is funding terrorism - which includes the recent Westgate mall attack and the killing of innocent human victims in Nairobi, Kenya.

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As global citizens, as the gateway to the east, the Aloha state and the USA must take on a strong and unequivocal leadership role to end the ivory trade immediately. Hawaii should be proud to be a leader in banning the ivory trade before others follow your example . I look forward to soon visiting your beautiful state, and will be very happy knowing that it is not contributing to the extinction of an amazing and important species.

I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Kind Regards,

Heather Hanson

United States

ward2-Robin

From: Linda Skidmore <liskidmore2@tampabay.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 4:26 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Support HB 2183

Dear Representatives,

Please support HB 2183 and stop the importation, sale and re-sale of ivory products. Only through harsh regulations and penalties can the slaughter of elephants be stopped. Please review the information from the David Sheldrick Trust to see the devastation caused by the ivory trade to innocent animals.

<http://www.dswtwildernessjournal.com/de-snaring-tsavo>

We must, as humane people, protect all wildlife from poaching and indiscriminate slaughter. We are the guardians and the voices for all of nature. They have no voice so we must be that voice.
Please vote in favor of this bill.

Sincerely,

Linda Skidmore

ward2-Robin

From: Lynne Jurgens <snowee@shaw.ca>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 4:27 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: HB2183

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please support HB2183. You have the support of people around world and you play an important role in the protection of elephants by enacting this Bill.

Sincerely,

Lynne Jurgens
Ladysmith, British Columbia
Canada

ward2-Robin

From: M.K. McMurray <mkm38@hermes.cam.ac.uk> on behalf of Meredith Packham
<MeredithKMcMurray@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 4:20 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please support HB2183

To whom it may concern,

I'm an American living in the UK. I hope that you will please support HB2183. The entire world needs to assist in stopping the slaughter of elephants, and stopping the circulation of ivory is one way to help do that. I want my future children to one day be able to see an African elephant in the wild.

Regards,

Meredith Packham (née McMurray)

ward2-Robin

From: Anna Battersby <anna_battersby@yahoo.co.uk>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 4:32 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; reprhoads@capitol.hawaii.go
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183!

END IVORY TRADE! SUPPORT HB2183!

Dear Sirs,

Greetings! I hope this finds you well.

Ivory is (primarily) the outcome of poaching. The unmitigated and relentless poaching of African elephants. It is well established that poaching (also) sponsors terrorism. Being South African born, I have had the privilege of seeing these magnificent creatures in the wild and I am urging your committee to encourage enforcing an end to the trade and importation of ivory (whether raw or vanity) in and to the state of Hawaii.

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I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
Anna Battersby
London, United Kingdom

ward2-Robin

From: Gaelic Girl <gaelicgirl@ameritech.net>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 4:33 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Ivory

Dear Sirs,

Greetings! I hope this finds you well.

PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183! Ivory is (primarily) the outcome of poaching. The unmitigated and relentless poaching of African elephants. It is well established that poaching (also) sponsors terrorism. I am urging your committee to encourage enforcing an end to the trade and importation of ivory (whether raw or vanity) in and to the state of Hawaii.

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
Bridget A. Dougherty
Downers Grove, IL
USA

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From: ann oneill <annocornwall@live.co.uk>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 4:35 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Ban all ivory trade

I live in the UK, and I fully support your proposed ban (Bill - HB2183) on all trade in ivory. By enacting this bill you will be helping to protect endangered elephants from extinction. You will show the world how to be compassionate by taking the lead in putting an end to this barbaric ivory trade.

Thank you

Ann O'Neill

ward2-Robin

From: Carole McNamara <carcnamar@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 4:44 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: HB2183

Dear Sirs:

I understand that the Hawaii Economic Development and Business Committee will be listening to arguments concerning banning the sale of ivory in your state. The federal government has decided to burn much of its stockpile in hopes of stemming the slaughter of elephants and I hope the State of Hawaii will mirror that decision with this proposal.

Hawaii is the Pacific Rim's portal to the United States and a policy of banning all sale of ivory will send a strong message to visitors from Asia that this nation favors shutting down trafficking of ivory worldwide. The loss of elephants is so rapid now that the species will have disappeared in the wild in about 10 years if there is not concerted--and coordinated--action taken now.

Thank you for considering this bill and I hope that the people of Hawaii will help lead the United States to a firm national stance prohibiting the sale of ivory within our borders.

Respectfully,

Carole McNamara
Ann Arbor, Michigan

ward2-Robin

From: A A <onedolcevida@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 4:46 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads

Importance: High

Dear Sirs,

Greetings from Ontario, Canada!

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I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Please take care and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
Anne Al Mazloum

ward2-Robin

From: Hartman, Kristin L - ANNAPOLIS MD <kristin_hartman@ml.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 4:46 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183

Dear Sirs,

Aloha from a resident of Maryland!

PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183! Ivory is (primarily) the outcome of poaching. The unmitigated and relentless poaching of African elephants. It is also well established that poaching sponsors terrorism. I am urging your committee to encourage enforcing a total ban on the trade and importation of ivory (whether raw or vanity) in and to the state of Hawaii.

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I also humbly ask that you support vigorous prosecution of those who engage in activities that sponsor, promote and escalate poaching; to this end, I recommend that the state of Hawaii furnish its law enforcement personnel with the resources required to expose, mitigate and end the trade in ivory within Hawaii; It is well established that the killing of wild animals and the sale of their body parts is funding terrorism - which includes the recent Westgate mall attack and the killing of innocent human victims in Nairobi, Kenya. As global citizens, as the gateway to the east, the Aloha state and USA must take on a strong and unequivocal leadership role to end the ivory trade immediately.

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
Kristin L. Hartman
Annapolis, MD USA

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From: lorene jacquet <jacquetlorene@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 5:01 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please support HB2183 and help the elephants

Hello,

Tomorrow the Hawaii Economic Development and Business Committee will hear a bill to prohibit the sale of ivory in Hawaii.

You have the support of people all around the world and you can play an important role in the protection of elephants by enacting this Bill.
So please support HB2183 !

Many thanks in advance,

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ward2-Robin

From: Katie Bales <baleskatie70@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 5:06 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Ivory = elephant

SUBJECT: END IVORY TRADE! SUPPORT HB2183!

Dear Lawmakers,

Greetings! I hope this finds you well.

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly

Katie Bales
Colorado, USA

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From: Barbara Peterson <barbarapeterson40@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 5:14 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: For my GIRLS: PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183 !!

To whom it may concern:

I am a Mom of two beautiful girls, age five. I am writing out of my love for them entwined with my deep concern over the horrific poaching epidemic in Africa. It is truly a genocide of another species, a magnificent, intelligent, gentle, and iconic species: the African elephant.

I implore you to support HB2183 for a complete end to the ivory trade in Hawaii!! **Hawaii has the chance to be real champions**, true leaders in the United States and in the world against the sale of ivory forever! If Hawaii takes a firm, united, and unambiguous stand to BAN the SALE of IVORY, you will set a world-class example. You will be champions for children, for the earth, for the elephants, and for the United States of America!

In the event that you have not yet seen this, here is a link to the beautiful and imperative message of **Jane Goodall and Iain Douglas-Hamilton for a complete and total ban on ivory** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FB2doKRI94>. My girls and all children deserve to grow up in a world with elephants. We teach our children that "E is for Elephant", not "E is for Extinction". We must take a committed stance against ivory, now and forever!! Elephants have value, not ivory!

From my heart, I believe that if humanity does not come together to save the elephants and to honor their absolute right to live freely, beautifully, and peacefully -- we will have failed ourselves and our children forever.

Please support HB2183.

Warmest regards,
Barbara A. Peterson
Westwood, New Jersey USA

ward2-Robin

From: Dimitrios Papadopoulos <dipa64@otenet.gr>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 5:24 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Support HB2183!

I would like to ask you to support HB2183 (the bill which specifically prohibits any person, firm, partnership, or corporation from importing, selling, offering to sell, or possessing with intent to sell any ivory product.). I think you have to know that you have the support of people across the USA and around world and can play an important role in the protection of elephants by enacting this Bill.

Sincerely yours

Dimitrios Papadopoulos

ward2-Robin

From: Lisa Olson <lisa@wildlifedirect.org>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 5:28 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Support HB2183

Dear Distinguished Representatives,

As a former resident of Hawaii and someone who works within the conservation world, I feel this is a very important issue for Hawaii and the world.

Hawaii, as the 2nd largest retailer of ivory in the nation, has the chance to protect elephants from their continued massacre for the blood ivory trade. I ask you to please SUPPORT HB2183. This is a global crisis and Hawaii can take the national lead in protecting elephants!

Sincerely,
Lisa Olson

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Lisa Olson
WildlifeDirect, Inc.

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From: Gemma Miles <angelswalkwithus@hotmail.co.uk>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 5:28 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: END IVORY TRADE! SUPPORT HB2183!

Dear Sirs,

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I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly.

Gemma Miles

ward2-Robin

From: Tarryn Priestly <tarrynpriestly@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 5:41 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: I Support HB2183

Hi,

I would like to show my support for the HB2183 Bill.

Please protect our elephants by not allowing the selling of ivory in Hawaii!!

I am an Australian living in Kentucky - this is so important for USA and everyone around the world!

Thank you
Tarryn Priestly

ward2-Robin

From: Wilma Nijland <wilma.nijland@nijland-notaris.nl>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 5:51 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please Vote No to Ivory trade HB2183

Importance: High

Dear Members of the House of representatives of the State of Hawaii,

Please vote for (support HB2183) the bill to prohibits any person, firm, partnership, or corporation from importing, selling, offering to sell, or possessing with intent to sell any ivory product.

Every 15 minutes an elephant is killed for ivory, please help to stop the killing, protect the elephants and support HB2183. If the poaching does not stop the elephants may become extinct in less than twenty years.

Thank you very much for your help.

Kind regards,



Wilma Nijland-van Kooten

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From: Katie Quinlan <katie@harmoniqgrail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 5:59 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: HB2183

To whom it may concern,
PLEASE support HB2183 and prohibit the importing, selling and possession of ivory!

Elephants are amazing creatures and we humans are just beginning to uncover the magnitude of intelligence they possess. PLEASE outlaw ivory in Hawaii. We must protect this species by making ivory trade not only illegal but immoral.

Thank you for your consideration.

Katie Quinlan

ward2-Robin

From: Anja Rullmann <aldica@gmx.de>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 6:02 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Support HB2183

Dear Hawaii!

I am from Hamburg/Germany, and I am writing today to support your proposed ban on ivory trade, HB2183. As the most beautiful place in our country, where perhaps tradition is preserved better than anywhere else, and where all the world looks to for nature at it's most exquisite, we look to you to set the standard for preserving all that is beautiful, natural, and yes... endangered in our world.

If Hawaii takes a stand against ivory trade, thereby helping to protect the world's treasured and endangered elephants, it will be a call heard around the world, appealing to the best in us. We need you to stand today for all of us in saying that our beautiful planet, and her creatures, deserve our respect, our love, and our protection.

Thank you so much for leading the way,

Anja

ward2-Robin

From: Bridget Lower <bridgetlower@optonline.net>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 6:13 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: ivory

please pass legislation in hawaii to ban ivory sales and trade.

thank you,

bridget lower

ward2-Robin

From: Mike Potter <michaelpotter@me.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 6:17 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: END IVORY TRADE! SUPPORT HB2183!

Dear Sirs,

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

ward2-Robin

From: Maloney, Paula J <Paula_Maloney@federal.dell.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 6:11 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: HB2183

Aloha and good morning - I am writing in support of the passage of HB2183. We are losing an elephant in Africa every 15 minutes. Every effort, large or small, to lessen the demand for ivory is helpful in stemming this terrible tide of destruction. And Africa is aware of this bill, and watching, so please do the right thing and make me proud of my state. Thank you.

Regards,

Paula J. Maloney, PMP

ward2-Robin

From: Emma Hart <hart.emma.r@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 6:37 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: HB2183

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you in support of HB2183. There are a vast amount of supporters of this bill, such as from Canada, where I am from. This bill has the potential to hugely impact the ban against ivory sales worldwide, thus saving the African Elephant population from extinction.

Thank you for considering HB2183.

Sincerely,

Emma Hart
B.C., Canada

ward2-Robin

From: Vicki Fishlock <vicki.fishlock@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 6:38 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: SUPPORT HB2183.

Hawaii, as the 2nd largest retailer of ivory in the nation, has the chance to protect elephants from their continued massacre for the blood ivory trade. I ask you to please SUPPORT HB2183. This is a global crisis and Hawaii can take the national lead in protecting elephants!

Here in Kenya and in my former study areas in Congo, my colleagues are fighting every day to keep elephants wild and free. Please help us spread the message - ban the bloody ivory.

With many thanks,

Vicki Fishlock

Dr. Vicki Fishlock,
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From: Cinhub9@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 6:38 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: re HB 2183

Please support HB 2183 which calls for a ban on ivory trade. Reportedly, Hawaii is the 2nd largest retailer of ivory in the US, and with the current plight of the elephants that is threatening them into extinction by 2012, Hawaii can be a real force in altering this.

Please do the right thing by the elephants. It is a horror to think that we/our generation may have to one day explain to our grandchildren that yes, we stood by and watched as the elephant was driven into extinction by the greed and criminal activities of man.

Thank you

Cynthia R. Hubbard

AN ELEPHANT IS KILLED FOR ITS IVORY EVERY 15 MINUTES..
DON'T BUY IVORY.



The answer isn't to shrug and let the elephant pass into the mists of greed and cruel indifference - namely extinction. The fate of the mightiest land mammal is literally in our hands and there is action to be taken.

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From: MRSanalhaqq . <lauravalik@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 6:45 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads

Dear representatives of the Aloha state,

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Best regards,

Laura Välik,

Estonia

ward2-Robin

From: Amanda Michelle Milster <amanda.m.milster@vanderbilt.edu>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 6:50 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Please end the ivory trade and support HB2183!

Dear Sirs,

Hello! I hope this finds you well.

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As global citizens, as the gateway to the east, the Aloha state and the USA must take on a strong and unequivocal leadership role to end the ivory trade immediately.

I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Sincerely,

Amanda Milster
Maryland, USA

ward2-Robin

From: Arlene Haselgrove <arlenemh@hotmail.co.uk>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 6:50 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please support HB2183

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
Arlene Haselgrove
United Kingdom
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To whom it may concern:

Hawaii, as the second largest retailer of ivory in the United States, has the chance to protect elephants from their continued massacre for the bloody ivory trade. Please support HB2183 and end this global crisis. Please Hawaii, take the national lead in protecting our beloved elephants.

Very sincerely,

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HB2183

Submitted on: 2/3/2014

Testimony for EDB on Feb 4, 2014 08:30AM in Conference Room 312

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jerrisa Ching	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Elephants deserve better treatment from ivory poaching and marketing. Please pursue the decision in banning ivory sales to save the biodiversity of elephants.

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From: Veronica O. <ospinavnc@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 7:30 AM
Subject: Support HB2183

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Esteemed Congressmen and Congresswomen,

Hawaii is the second largest retailer of ivory in the United States. It has the chance to protect elephants from their continued massacre for the blood ivory trade. I urge you to please SUPPORT HB2183. This is a global crisis and Hawaii can take the national lead in protecting elephants.

Thank you for your time.

Veronica OspinaUSA

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From: Terry Bear <tbear62@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 7:33 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: I Dare you to do the right, just, and noble thing

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Members of Congress, Members of Conscious,

STOP.....THINK.....FEEL.....ACT !

STOP the torture, murder, and inhumane barbarian slaughter of massively beautiful creatures for their ivory.

THINK just what we are doing as a human species to the world, and ourselves. Because what we do to the animals, we ARE doing to ourselves. How do you think wars keep going? The war is within each of us when we kill without any thought of consequences.

FEEL the connection and wholeness of life. Feel the power for GOOD that you possess to recreate the very course our planet is going!

ACT NOW. Do the right thing.

Can you?

Will you?

Peace,
Terry B. BEar

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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HB2183

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Van Way	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear legislators, The sale of ivory is responsible for the deaths of so many wild elephants. Elephants will be extinct in the wild within a decade or so, if the sale of ivory goes unchecked. The State of Hawaii is leading the world in this important cause to ban the sale of ivory in order to protect elephants. Please ban the sale of ivory, regardless of its age. Ban the possession of ivory, exempting antique items, defined as from elephants killed before 1900, that has appropriate documentation. Thank you.

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Testimony for EDB on Feb 4, 2014 08:30AM in Conference Room 312

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
patrice roarty	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183, A CRUCIAL MOVE TO PROTECT THE LIVES OF THE ELEPHANT POPULATION. THE SLAUGHTER OF THIS SPECIES IS HORRENDOUS AND UNCONSCIONABLE. THANK YOU FOR DOING THE RIGHT THING!!

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From: Margaret Mueller <margaret.mueller22@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 7:39 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: HB2183

Please support HB2183 that prohibits any possession or commerce of ivory. Elephants are being murdered in unprecedented numbers that may cause extinction by 2025, if poaching isn't stopped now. I am hoping Hawaii will be the first of all the 50 states in the USA to adopt a law like this. Thank you.

Margaret Mueller

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From: michael telafici <michael.telafici@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 7:35 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: in support of HB2183

Hawaii, as the 2nd largest retailer of ivory in the nation, has the chance to protect elephants from their continued massacre for the blood ivory trade. I ask you to please SUPPORT HB2183. This is a global crisis and Hawaii can take the national lead in protecting elephants!

I write as an American currently living abroad who has seen firsthand the value economically and environmentally of wildlife tourism to African countries - and the opposite, the use of "blood ivory" to fuel terror and instability. Thank you for your consideration - I trust you will follow your conscience and do the right thing by banning local ivory sales.

Sincerely

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From: patricia joanides <pjoanides@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 7:47 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Cc: Patricia Joanides; gigi Ritam SaulDRaye
Subject: END IVORY TRADE! SUPPORT HB2183!

Dear Sirs:

PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183! Ivory is (primarily) the outcome of poaching. The unmitigated and relentless poaching of African elephants.

It is well established that poaching (also) sponsors terrorism.

I am urging your committee to encourage enforcing an end to the trade and importation of ivory (whether raw or vanity) in and to the state of Hawaii.

It is with great pride and much aloha that I support this effort by the HSUS to end the ivory trade in the Aloha State, unfortunately a "top" ivory market in the USA, possibly next only to New York and perhaps ahead of San Francisco.

I write on behalf of all victims, human and animal alike, of the horrific poaching crisis in Africa.

Poaching sponsors terrorism, kills 35,000+ elephants each year, 100 a day and an astounding 1 every fifteen minutes;

The elephant, a keystone species and Earth's grandest terrestrial herbivore is slated for extinction in the wilds of Africa within 10 years.

Amongst the human victims of poaching are the 1000+ rangers who were murdered in the line of duty in the past 10 years alone.

It is also well established that the killing of critically endangered wild animals and the sale of their body parts is funding terrorism - which includes the recent Westgate mall attack and the killing of innocent human victims in Nairobi, Kenya.

A compassionate, progressive and dynamic state, a state of by and for the people, I am confident the Aloha state will do the right thing by Earth's last elephants, the people of the continent of Africa, the people of the world and the people of Hawaii.

As global citizens, as the gateway to the east, the Aloha state and the USA must take on a strong and unequivocal leadership role to end

the ivory trade immediately.

I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
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USA

If we have no peace it is because we have forgotten
that we belong to each other. ~ Mother Teresa

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From: Emre Izat <emre@offthefence.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 7:47 AM
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To: edbtestimony; edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Cc: 'Ann Lewis'
Subject: SUPPORT HB 2183 - END THE IVORY TRADE!

Dear Committee Members,

Please support HB 2183 to BAN ivory sales in Hawaii.

- There is an elephant poaching emergency going on in Africa and Asia, a full-on crisis, with 35,000 killed for their tusks last year alone. 1 elephant is killed every 15 minutes.
- The fact that "old" , or pre-1989 ban ivory is still allowed to be bought and sold is what is wiping out this species. It is too difficult and expensive to tell the difference between old ivory and new ivory. This loophole will cause the extinction of elephants by 2025-a species that has walked the earth for millions of years!

Please, be the leader in the global movement to ban ivory-others will surely follow, and elephants can be saved.

Thanks so much for your attention and consideration

Barb Clingan

Find the Cure! 

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From: Susan Hoefner <dbaconnections@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 8:02 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: support HB2183

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We all need to be united in our support of bill that prohibit the sale of ivory or ivory products.
Please support HB2183
thank you for reading this and taking it into consideration.
Susan Hoefner

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From: cindy walker <cinergizerbunny2003@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 8:06 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: END IVORY TRADE! SUPPORT HB2183

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It is with great pride and much Aloha that I support this effort by the HSUS to end the ivory trade in our Aloha State, unfortunately a "top" ivory market in the USA, possibly next only to New York and perhaps ahead of San Francisco. As a resident of Maui, I strongly believe we must send a strong message to stop the Ivory trade once and for all.

I write on behalf of all victims, human and animal alike, of the horrific poaching crisis in Africa. Poaching sponsors terrorism, kills 35,000+ elephants each year, 100 a day and an astounding 1 every fifteen minutes; The elephant, a keystone species and Earth's grandest terrestrial herbivore is slated for extinction in the wilds of Africa within 10 years. Amongst the human victims of poaching are the 1000+ rangers who were murdered in the line of duty in the past 10 years alone.

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As global citizens, as the gateway to the east, as a long time resident of Hawaii, the Aloha state and the USA must take on a strong and unequivocal leadership role to end the ivory trade immediately.

I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
Cindy Walker
Haiku, Hawaii
USA

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From: Monica Collins <momac_59@att.net>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 8:12 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward
Subject: Fw: Ivory trade in Hawaii

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
Monica Collins
San Ramon, CA USA

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From: Allison Dahl <aldahl06@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 8:15 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183!

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,

Allison Dahl
Gainesville, FL USA

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From: Nathalie Escoffier <nathalie.escoffier@yahoo.fr>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 4:21 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: END IVORY TRADE !

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,

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From: Rosemary Alles <rosemary.alles@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 01, 2014 12:19 PM
To: edbtestimony
Cc: Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward
Subject: Aloha nui, PLEASE BAN the ivory trade in Hawaii and support HB2183!
Attachments: Tom_Cardamone_Testimony.pdf

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Dear Sirs,

Aloha from a resident of both Hawaii and San Francisco, California.

PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183! Ivory is (primarily) the outcome of poaching. The unmitigated and relentless poaching of African elephants. It is also well established that poaching sponsors terrorism. I am urging your committee to encourage enforcing a total ban on the trade and importation of ivory (whether raw or vanity) in and to the state of Hawaii.

It is with great pride and much aloha that I support this effort by the HSUS to ban the ivory trade in the Aloha State, unfortunately a "top" ivory market in the USA, possibly next only to New York and perhaps ahead of San Francisco.

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I also humbly ask that you support vigorous prosecution of those who engage in activities that sponsor, promote and escalate poaching; to this end, I recommend that the state of Hawaii furnish its law enforcement personnel with the resources required to expose, mitigate and end the trade in ivory within our beloved state; It is well established that the killing of wild animals and the sale of their body parts is funding terrorism - which includes the recent Westgate mall attack and the killing of innocent human victims in Nairobi, Kenya. As global citizens, as the gateway to the east, we in the Aloha state and USA must take on a strong and unequivocal leadership role to end the ivory trade immediately.

Please find attached the Testimony of Tom Cardamone (Tom Cardamone Managing Director Global Financial Integrity) before the US senate and before (then) senator Kerry - detailing the links between poaching, the ivory trade and terror.

I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly.
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Thank you Mr. Chairman, Ranking Member Lugar, and members of the Committee. I appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today to make the connection between illegal wildlife trafficking and national, as well as global, security. Global Financial Integrity is a Washington, DC-based research organization that is focused on the secrecy inherent in the global financial system and the facilitating role it plays in tax evasion, money laundering, and corruption and the threat it poses to the security of all nations.

Ivory poaching, like all forms of illegal wildlife trade, is a profitable business. Indeed, the U.S. State Department estimates the market price of poached ivory at \$400 per pound.¹ Global Financial Integrity recently estimated the global value of the illicit trade in all forms of wildlife, excluding fishing, at between \$7.8 and \$10 billion.² In recent years, organized crime syndicates, militias, and even terrorist elements have taken notice of the profits that can be made in the illegal trafficking of wildlife, generating an alarming up-tick in the scale of the industry and posing serious national security concerns for the United States and our partners.

Low Risks, High Profits

In comparison to other forms of transnational crime, the risks and penalties associated with the illegal poaching and trafficking of wildlife are small. In many countries, poachers and traffickers face little more than a small fine and a couple of months in prison if caught, while penalties for drug trafficking can result in the death penalty.³

On the other hand, rhino horn can now rival cocaine and gold in value by weight, making it an extremely lucrative business in which to engage.⁴

Terrorism Connection

In the wake of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States, actions taken by Congress and the Administration to target terrorist financing nearly eliminated the proliferation of shell banks and decapitated Al Qaeda's central command. This has forced the cash-starved organization and its affiliates to look for new sources of funding. Al Qaeda affiliates can no longer count on Al Qaeda central command to finance their operations; they must raise most of their funding on their own.⁵ The illicit

¹ Begley, Sharon, "Extinction Trade: Endangered animals are the new blood diamonds as militias and warlords use poaching to fund death," *Newsweek*, March 1, 2008, accessed October 7, 2010, <http://www.newsweek.com/id/117875/output/print>.

² Haken, Jeremy. "Transnational Crime in the Developing World," *Global Financial Integrity*, February 2011: p. 11-14. <http://transcrime.gfintegrity.org/>.

³ Fison, Maryrose, "The £6bn trade in animal smuggling," *The Independent on Sunday*, March 6, 2011, accessed May 20, 2012, <http://www.independent.co.uk/environment/nature/the-1636bn-trade-in-animal-smuggling-2233608.html>.

⁴ Wyler, Liana Sun and Pervaze A. Sheikh, "International Illegal Trade in Wildlife: Threats and U.S. Policy," *Congressional Research Service*, August 22, 2008: p. 7, accessed May 22, 2012, <http://fpc.state.gov/documents/organization/110404.pdf>.

⁵ Levitt, Matthew, "Money Troubles: The Financial Woes of al-Qaeda's Leaders," *IHS Jane's Defense & Security News*, January 2012, accessed May 22, 2012, <http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/uploads/Documents/opeds/4f4d219444758.pdf>.

trafficking of wildlife appears to be one of the ways a number of Al Qaeda affiliates have chosen to raise money to fund their operations.

Media reports indicate that two Bangladesh-based, Islamic terrorist groups affiliated with Al Qaeda, Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) and Harkat-ul-Jihad-al-Islami (HuJI), are raising funds for their operations via the illegal poaching of ivory, tiger pelts, and Rhino horns, among other things, in the Kaziranga jungle in northeastern India.⁶

Last year, *The Independent on Sunday*, the British newspaper, and *Vanity Fair* separately reported that there is evidence that Al Shabaab, a Somali Islamist group with ties to Al Qaeda, has connections to the illicit poaching and trafficking of both ivory and rhino horn.^{7,8}

Armed Groups, Militants and Insurgents

Several militias, armed groups, and insurgent groups have reportedly profited from illicitly poaching and trafficking wildlife in Africa and elsewhere.

Central and East Africa are home to wildlife populations, active smuggling and poaching operations, and ongoing conflicts. In some cases these converge. During its years of war with Northern Sudan, the Sudan People's Liberation Army of what is now South Sudan is alleged to have poached "elephants with grenades and rocket-propeller guns."⁹

Sudanese militias, including the Janjaweed, are also reported to have engaged in the poaching of ivory for profit in Chad, Kenya, and elsewhere.^{10,11} Further east, Somalia's lack of governance makes it the perfect ground for smuggling of all kinds, and Somali poachers are allegedly engaged in significant poaching operations in Kenya.¹²

In the war-torn Democratic Republic of Congo, the Congolese Army, the Rwandan Democratic Liberation Forces (FDLR) which led the Rwandan genocide in the 1990s, and the National Congress for the Defense of the People (CNDP) are all accused of participating in poaching in UN and INTERPOL reports.¹³

⁶ Levy, Adrian and Cathy Scott-Clark, "Poaching for Bin Laden," *The Guardian*, May 4, 2007, accessed May 22, 2012, <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2007/may/05/terrorism.animalwelfare>.

⁷ Fison, Maryrose.

⁸ Shumatoff, Alex, "Agony and Ivory," *Vanity Fair*, August 2011, accessed May 22, 2012, <http://www.vanityfair.com/culture/features/2011/08/elephants-201108>.

⁹ Zajtman, Arnaud, "The battle for DR Congo's wildlife," *BBC*, September 17, 2004, accessed May 22, 2012, <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/3667560.stm>.

¹⁰ Begley, Sharon.

¹¹ Owono, Julie, "The martyrdom of elephants: A sad tale of greed," *Al Jazeera*, March 7, 2012, accessed May 22, 2012, <http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/opinion/2012/03/201235112432745412.html>.

¹² Begley, Sharon.

¹³ United Nations Security Council, "Letter dated 15 November 2010 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo addressed to the President of the Security Council," November 29, 2010, http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/856C29158407076F492577EB001FD9D3-Full_Report.pdf.

Additionally, the Congressional Research Service (CRS) reports that Angola’s National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) and the Mozambican National Resistance (RENAMO) were two more “militia or insurgent groups that were allegedly involved in wildlife trafficking” during conflicts in those countries.¹⁴

Links to Drug Cartels

There are also possible ties between the illegal wildlife trade and drug traffickers. According to the CRS, much anecdotal evidence suggests that animal traffickers utilize similar smuggling routes as drug traffickers, particularly in Central and South America. The report stated the following:

“The United Nations reports that members of the former Cali drug cartel in Colombia and Mexican drug dealers have also allegedly smuggled mixed shipments of drugs and wildlife products into the United States. According to the Brazilian National Network Against the Trafficking of Wild Animals (RENCTAS), 40% of an estimated 400 criminal rings smuggling animals were also involved in other criminal activities, especially drug trafficking. The CITES Secretariat has also reported that combinations of parrots and drugs have been smuggled together from Cote d’Ivoire to Israel.”

Further, the former Medellin drug cartel was allegedly involved in the illegal trade of rare birds.¹⁵

Shell Companies and Animal Trafficking

As organized crime, militias, and terrorist entities have become more involved in the illegal trade of wildlife in recent years, the use of sophisticated money laundering schemes to move their profits and shield the organizations from detection and prosecution are routinely detected.¹⁶ Illegally poached ivory from some 300 Zambian elephants was discovered by Singapore customs officials in 2002, and “investigations revealed a complex network of shell companies and pseudonyms used in procuring the ivory.” Not surprisingly, as of 2010, eight years after the ivory was confiscated, “no significant members of the network have been prosecuted.”¹⁷

Likewise, an illegal shipment of elephant tusks was discovered in 2006 by Honk Kong customs officials, and INTERPOL indicates the paper trail led to another “interlocking web of shell companies.”¹⁸

¹⁴ Wyler, Liana Sun and Pervaze A. Sheikh: p. 24-25.

¹⁵ Ibid: p. 19-20.

¹⁶ Written testimony of John M. Sellar, Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), before the U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Natural Resources, 5 March 2008, accessed May 21, 2012, <http://naturalresources.house.gov/uploadedfiles/sellartestimony03.05.08.pdf>.

¹⁷ UNODC, “The Globalization of Crime: A Transnational Organized Crime Threat Assessment,” 2010: p. 153, accessed May 17, 2012, <http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/data-and-analysis/tocta-2010.html>.

¹⁸ Associated Press, “Wildlife smugglers see low risk, high profit,” June, 7, 2007, accessed May 21, 2012, http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/19092695/ns/world_news-world_environment/t/wildlife-smugglers-see-low-risk-high-profit/.

Further, the UN Secretary General noted in 2003 the high level of corruption, the involvement of organized crime and the heavy use of shell companies in the illegal trade of caviar. The Secretary General wrote the following:

“The caviar business exhibits most of the indicators of involvement of organized crime elucidated above. The level of violence and corruption are high, the trade is very well organized, there are numerous front companies, the schemes for circumventing restrictions are sophisticated and sometimes involve the use of intermediary jurisdictions, there are multiple shipments and the trade reaps large rewards that are either integrated with legitimate profits by front companies or used to acquire luxury goods.”¹⁹

Moreover, the Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) has highlighted “the establishment and use of fake or ‘front’ companies to distribute and market wildlife products” and noted that “various forms of wildlife crime lend themselves to money-laundering activities and, thus, will attract the involvement of organized criminal groups.”²⁰

Organized Crime’s Use of Shell Companies

The use of anonymous shell companies, often layered via multiple jurisdictions, is one of the most effective tools available to money launderers and organized criminals, obscuring the money trail and impeding law enforcement investigations. They are frequently used not just by wildlife traffickers, but also by American and foreign terrorists, narco-traffickers, arms dealers, corrupt foreign officials, tax evaders, rogue states, and other criminals, to easily launder their money.²¹

Anonymous shell companies are utilized by the arms dealers who supply animal traffickers, militants and terrorists with weaponry. They are used by the corrupt public official who accepts kickbacks and bribes into his or her offshore account in order to look the other way as poachers illegally pillage their country’s natural resources. They are used by terrorists looking to clandestinely move their money around the world to finance their heinous crimes. They are used by rogue regimes, like Iran and North Korea, to circumvent international sanctions. They are used by drug traffickers like those in Mexico who have killed 50,000 people in their country in just the past six years.²² Finally, they are used by tax evaders, who cost the developing world an estimated \$1 trillion per year in illicit outflows.^{23,24}

¹⁹ Report of the UN Secretary General, “Illicit trafficking in protected species of wild flora and fauna and illicit access to genetic resources,” United Nations Economic and Social Council, March 4 2003, accessed May 22, 2012, http://www.unodc.org/pdf/crime/commissions/12_commission/8e.pdf.

²⁰ Sellar, John M.

²¹ FACT Coalition, “Anonymous U.S. ‘Shell’ Corporations: A National Security Code Red,” http://www.gfintegrity.org/storage/gfip/documents/FACT/fact_sheet_beneficial_ownership.pdf.

²² Archibold, Randal and Damien Cave, “Numb to Carnage, Mexicans Find Diversions, and Life Goes On,” *The New York Times*, May 15, 2012, accessed May 21, 2012, <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/05/16/world/americas/mexicans-unflinching-in-face-of-drug-wars-carnage.html>.

²³ FACT Coalition, “Anonymous U.S. ‘Shell’ Corporations: A National Security Code Red,” http://www.gfintegrity.org/storage/gfip/documents/FACT/fact_sheet_beneficial_ownership.pdf.

Shell Companies in the U.S.

Unfortunately, lax regulation and disparate state statutes make the United States a breeding ground for anonymous shell corporations. It is estimated that nearly two million companies are established in the U.S. each year, and the vast majority of those companies are not required to provide any information—neither names nor addresses—about the beneficial owners of the firms.²⁵ And by “beneficial owner” I am referring to a person, rather than a law firm or agent, which controls or benefits financially from the activities of the incorporated entity. This lack of information means that shell companies with hidden owners are opaque to law enforcement and tax authorities. It also means that when illegal activity is suspected, an investigation often run into dead-ends.

The Threat to U.S. National Security

Of course, this situation is ripe for exploitation by foreign and domestic terrorists, drug cartels, arms dealers, foreign kleptocrats, tax evaders and traffickers of all stripes. While most shell companies are likely to be involved in legitimate business, U.S. national security is left to chance because of our inability to tell the difference between an LLC created by a dentist in Texas from one set up by a government entity in Tehran.

Indeed, only after a long and expensive investigation was it discovered that forty percent of the property located at 650 Fifth Avenue in New York was, in fact, owned by Iranian citizens who represented Bank Melli, the National Bank of Iran. The reason the investigation was delayed was that the individuals hid behind a partnership, which had, as one of its components, a shell company formed in New York which itself was controlled by an anonymous company set up in the island of Jersey.²⁶

Moreover, Viktor Bout, the so-called “Merchant of Death,” who provided arms to the Taliban, the FARC and to child soldiers in Sierra Leone, controlled at least a dozen shell corporations, which were registered in Texas, Florida, and Delaware. With benign-sounding names such as the “Central African Development Fund” or “Daytona Pools,” Bout was able to outwit and outrun law enforcement for decades until his recent arrest and conviction.²⁷

Further, a recent report from the World Bank revealed that the United States was the locale of choice for corrupt foreign politicians establishing offshore shell companies to launder their money and gain access to the international financial system.²⁸

²⁴ Kar, Dev and Sarah Freitas, “Illicit Financial Flows from Developing Countries Over the Decade Ending 2009,” Global Financial Integrity, December 2011, <http://iffdec2011.gfintegrity.org/>.

²⁵ Government Accountability Office, “Company Formations: Minimal Ownership Information is Collected and Available,” *GAO Report No. GAO-06-376*, April 2006: p. 10, <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d06376.pdf>.

²⁶ Federal Bureau of Investigation, “President of Alavi Foundation Indicted for Obstruction of Justice,” May 6, 2009, accessed May 23, 2012, <http://www.fbi.gov/newyork/press-releases/2009/nyfo050609.htm>.

²⁷ U.S. Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, “U.S. Corporations Associated with Viktor Bout,” November 2009, <http://www.levin.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/supporting/2009/PSI.exhibit1.110509.pdf>.

²⁸ World Bank / UNODC, “Puppet Masters: How the Corrupt Use Legal Structures to Hide Stolen Assets and What to Do About It,” October 24, 2011, accessed May 22, 2012, http://www1.worldbank.org/finance/star_site/documents/Puppet%20Masters%20Report.pdf.

Non-Compliance: Money Laundering Lapses

It is also important to ensure that, when good laws are in place to counter money laundering, financial institutions are complying with the law. Recent reports have raised concerns that this may not be the case.

A recent study from the British government revealed that 75% of U.K. banks were not sufficiently complying with anti-money laundering (AML) regulations.²⁹ There is no reason to believe the situation is any different at American banks. Indeed, major American banks have been found to be in violation of their due diligence requirements in recent years. In 2010, the U.S. Attorney prosecuting Wachovia for AML failures stated, “Wachovia’s blatant disregard for our banking laws gave international cocaine cartels a virtual carte blanche to finance their operations by laundering at least \$110 million in drug proceeds.”³⁰

Last month, Citibank was fined by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency “for failing to comply with a federal law that requires banks to establish protections against money-laundering,”³¹ and a special report by *Reuters* earlier this month alleged that HSBC’s U.S. subsidiary, HSBC Bank USA, was guilty of “apparent anti-money laundering lapses of extraordinary breadth.” The report claims that the “bank understaffed its anti-money laundering compliance division and hired ‘gullible, poorly trained, and otherwise incompetent personnel,’” it claims that HSBC USA “maintained accounts with ‘high risk’ affiliates such as ‘casas de cambios’ - Mexican foreign-exchange dealers - widely suspected of laundering drug-trafficking proceeds,” and it states that “in some instances, ‘management intentionally decided’ not to review alerts of suspicious activity.”³²

This shows a clear disregard for the law among many U.S. and international banks, and, although we live in a climate of fiscal austerity, it is important to ensure that U.S. financial regulators have the staff, funding, and resources necessary to adequately ensure compliance with the law. Congress should use its authority to increase the budgets of the nation’s financial watchdogs to make certain that they can do their jobs effectively.

As a member of the Financial Accountability and Corporate Transparency Coalition, Global Financial Integrity sent a letter to U.S. Treasury Secretary Geithner in September, asking him to conduct a study,

²⁹ Rubinfeld, Samuel, “UK Faults Banks In Money Laundering Review,” *The Wall Street Journal*, June 22, 2011, accessed May 23, 2012, <http://blogs.wsj.com/corruption-currents/2011/06/22/uk-faults-banks-in-money-laundering-review/>.

³⁰ U.S. Department of Justice, “Wachovia Enters into Deferred Prosecution Agreement,” March 17, 2012, accessed May 22, 2012, <http://www.justice.gov/usao/fls/PressReleases/100317-02.html>.

³¹ Zibel, Alan, “US Regulator Cites Citibank For Violating Money-Laundering Law,” *Dow Jones Newswires*, April 5, 2012, accessed May 22, 2012, <http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20120405-708286.html>.

³² Mollenkamp, Carrick, Brett Wolf and Brian Grow, “Special Report: Documents allege HSBC money-laundering lapses,” *Reuters*, May 3, 2012, accessed May 22, 2012, <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/05/03/us-hsbcusa-probes-idUSBRE8420FX20120503>.

as the U.K. has done, to determine how well U.S. banks are complying with their AML obligations.³³ We have yet to have a response to that letter from anyone in the administration.

Solutions

While there is no silver bullet in the effort to curtail the ability of rebel and militant groups, as well as criminal and terrorist entities, to launder illicit funds garnered from ivory trafficking and other crimes, Congress has an important role to play to address the problem. Senate bill 1483, the *Incorporation Transparency and Law Enforcement Assistance Act*, is bi-partisan legislation that would require companies to divulge the person or persons who own the firm and would require states to establish registries with this information, which could be accessed by law enforcement and tax authorities.

The burdens that this legislation would impose on the states are minimal, while the benefits to national security are significant. No longer would the likes of Viktor Bout or the National Bank of Iran be able to forestall investigations by shielding their activities behind multiple layers of shell companies.

While this legislation has some way to go before passage, it should be noted that it is heartily supported by the Department of Justice as well as the Treasury and Homeland Security departments. Additionally, the Obama Administration has included beneficial ownership as a core commitment of its Open Government Partnership Action Plan. Several law enforcement organizations also endorse the bill, including the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, the Fraternal Order of Police, and the Society of Former Special Agents of the F.B.I.

The Global Impact

Of course, one may question how a pending bill in Congress can have an impact on ivory poaching or other wildlife trafficking. As Assistant Secretary of State William Brownfield pointed out in February, “terrorist and insurgent groups have evolved into criminal entrepreneurs . . . engaging in illicit activities to finance their operations.”³⁴ Organized criminal networks that do not have political agendas are even more pervasive and often just as violent. The way these groups are able to hide, launder, and funnel illicit funds is through layers of nominee trusts, partnerships, shell companies, numbered bank accounts, and other entities for which little, if any, information is known. By implementing the *Incorporation Transparency and Law Enforcement Assistance Act*, not only will the nation’s security be stronger, but the United States will have secured the moral high ground needed to encourage its allies to consider beneficial ownership registries as a new global norm.

FATF

³³ Rubinfeld, Samuel, “Anti-Corruption Coalition Requests US AML Review,” *The Wall Street Journal*, September 14, 2011, accessed May 22, 2012, <http://blogs.wsj.com/corruption-currents/2011/09/14/anti-corruption-coalition-requests-us-aml-review/>.

³⁴ Remarks by William R. Brownfield, Assistant U.S. Secretary of State for the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, before the Roma/Lyon G8 Sub-Group, February 22, 2012, accessed May 22, 2012, http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5cklCZ_5tMw.

For example, this past February, the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) in Paris concluded a review of its international anti-money laundering provisions. While great progress was made in some areas, FATF did not strengthen its rules on anonymous corporate vehicles. The new standards do not require the disclosure of the true beneficial owners of corporate entities when they are formed, leaving it instead as an option for each member state to decide.³⁵ This was a lost opportunity to address a major loophole used by many criminal entities. A strong incorporation transparency law would indicate the U.S. commitment to solving this problem.

G8

Additionally, the G8 nations have a mandate to coordinate efforts related to terrorist financing, money laundering and corruption. A subset of the G8 called the Roma/Lyon Group, which is comprised of law enforcement, intelligence and justice ministry experts, is specifically tasked with addressing terrorist financing, trafficking, and transnational crime. This group could be an effective advocate for global efforts to establish corporate registries. The benefit of a U.S. law requiring these registries is that it would have a clear influence on the future agenda of this group.

The primary point I would like to make today is that the mechanisms in the global financial system that permit laundering of illegal ivory proceeds and funneling of money to armed groups are the same mechanisms used by Viktor Bout, drug cartels, and terrorist groups. Shell companies, secret bank accounts, and a host of other opaque entities create a structure that facilitates trafficking of all types, and adversely impacts U.S. national security and supports rebel groups. Addressing this challenge by creating corporate registries should be a priority for Congress.

Thank you again for this opportunity to address the Committee. I look forward to your questions.

³⁵ Global Financial Integrity, "GFI Praises FATF Tax Evasion Crackdown, Disappointed in Failure to Address Anonymous Shell Companies," February 16, 2012, accessed May 23, 2012, <http://www.gfintegrity.org/content/view/497/70/>.

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From: Gilbert&Pam Ching <chingdynasty1@hawaiiantel.net>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 10:24 AM
To: edbtestimony
Cc: Victoria Anderson
Subject: Sale of Ivory

Please consider the importance of this current bill prohibiting the sale of Ivory...as well as the consequences of this inhumane practice of slaughtering these majestic, intelligent animals. We simply cannot allow the forced extinction of such a treasure just for the harvest of their tusks. It is heartbreaking.

Pamela Ching
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**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS**

**Tuesday, February 04, 2014
8:30 AM
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 312**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 2183
RELATING TO THE PENAL CODE**

House Bill 2183 proposes to enact law to prohibit any person, firm, partnership, or corporation from importing, selling, offering to sell, or possessing with the intent to sell, any ivory product. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports the intent of this measure, and offers the following comments:**

African elephants are spiraling toward extinction as illegal poaching and ivory trade continue to decimate their numbers. Tusks are traded internationally and sold world-wide, often after being carved into trinkets and then being identified as some other animal tusk, or claimed as a “pre-act” tusk, meaning that it had been harvested before the 1990 international treaty (CITES) which made ivory trade illegal in many countries. In 2007, the Humane Society’s investigative report concluded that the United States was the second largest ivory market in the world. Honolulu was one of the top 16 American cities identified in the report, along with San Francisco and New York City.

Without laboratory analysis, it is usually impossible to identify ivory as to its age or even the animal type, especially if the ivory has already been carved. In addition, fraudulent documents are frequently used to claim the ivory is pre-1990 origin, or of another species. For this reason, the types of ivory covered in this measure includes teeth or tusks from any species of wildlife including, but not limited to elephants, hippopotamuses, walruses, whales, and narwhals.

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From: Ellise Allen <elise.a.allen69@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 9:03 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Ivory trade

Please, to whom this may concern, help end the horrific slaughter of elephants by supporting HB 2183 to end ivory trade in my favorite place, Hawaii. The poor ellies, slaughtered, 1 every 15 minutes, nearly 100 a day are slated for extinction in 10 years. Most devastating, in many ways, to our planet. The suffering is tremendous. Please help and support this bill. Thank you, be well and mahalo nui loa. Elise Allen

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From: Ellise Allen <elise.a.allen69@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 12:01 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Re: Ivory trade
Attachments: facebook_-419012460.jpg

Please sign HB2183,help the ellies. Thankyou. Mahalo nui loa.

On Feb 3, 2014 2:03 PM, "Ellise Allen" <elise.a.allen69@gmail.com> wrote:

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From: Jasmin Argyrou <jasminargyrou@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 10:59 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please support HB2183

I am writing to ask you to support HB2183. I am from Australia and I support this bill and the important role it will play in the protection of elephants if it is enacted.

I believe it is critical that we demonstrate real support and meaningful action to protect the elephants that we share this earth with. This bill does that.

If you enact this bill you are playing an immensely important role in history to protect one of earth's most majestic and beautiful animals. The world will remember and be grateful to you if you support HB2183.

Yours sincerely,

Jasmin Argyrou

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From: Dr. Daniel Armstrong, D.C. <armstrongchiropractic@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 9:04 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: BAN ALL TRADE IN IVORY

Dear Sirs,

Greetings! I hope this finds you well.

PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183! Ivory is (primarily) the outcome of poaching. The unmitigated and relentless poaching of African elephants. It is well established that poaching (also) sponsors terrorism. I am urging your committee to encourage enforcing an end to the trade and importation of ivory (whether raw or vanity) in and to the state of Hawaii.

It is with great pride and much aloha that I support this effort by the HSUS to end the ivory trade in the Aloha State, unfortunately a "top" ivory market in the USA, possibly next only to New York and perhaps ahead of San Francisco.

I write on behalf of all victims, human and animal alike, of the horrific poaching crisis in Africa. Poaching sponsors terrorism, kills 35,000+ elephants each year, 100 a day and an astounding 1 every fifteen minutes; The elephant, a keystone species and Earth's grandest terrestrial herbivore is slated for extinction in the wilds of Africa within 10 years. Amongst the human victims of poaching are the 1000+ rangers who were murdered in the line of duty in the past 10 years alone.

It is also well established that the killing of critically endangered wild animals and the sale of their body parts is funding terrorism - which includes the recent Westgate mall attack and the killing of innocent human victims in Nairobi, Kenya.

A compassionate, progressive and dynamic state, a state of by and for the people, I am confident the Aloha state will do the right thing by Earth's last elephants, the people of the continent of Africa, the people of the world and the people of Hawaii.

As global citizens, as the gateway to the east, the Aloha state and the USA must take on a strong and unequivocal leadership role to end the ivory trade immediately.

I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
Daniel Armstrong
San Francisco, Ca

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From: Audre Azuolas <audreaz@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 4:48 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Please support HB2183 to end the ivory trade

Dear sirs,

Aloha! I hope that you are well. My name is Audre, and although I currently live in Washington, DC, my parents live near Hilo and my brother lives in Honolulu. I was just in Hawaii again for a few weeks in January and as always I'm reminded by what a beautiful and friendly state it is.

I am writing today to request your support for HB2183, the bill to support the end of the trade of ivory in the state of Hawaii.

Although ivory is a beautiful substance, the price (the life of an elephant -- 100 elephants are killed a day) is too high. Unless poaching is stopped, it's possible that elephants will be extinct in the wild in as little as 10 years.

I can't imagine a future where my children would never have an opportunity to see an elephant in the wild, or the idea that my grandchildren would think of elephants the way that you and I think about the Dodo bird.

And so, it pains me to know that Hawaii is one of the largest markets for ivory in the United States. I believe that banning ivory sales will help (among other things) reduce the availability of and demand for ivory, and therefore help put an end to poaching and the extinction of the elephant.

Hawaii has an opportunity to be the leaders in taking a stand for this critical cause and helping to protect the last of our earth's elephants. Please support this bill!

Mahalo for your time and attention!

Sincerely,
Audre Azuolas
Washington, DC

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From: Angie Bahris <ang_bahris@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 9:51 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Support HB2183

Hawaii, as the 2nd largest retailer of ivory in the nation, has the chance to protect elephants from their continued massacre for the blood ivory trade. I ask you to please SUPPORT HB2183. This is a global crisis and Hawaii can take the national lead in protecting elephants! You have the support of the USA and the world behind you, please take action.

Thank you

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From: Stephanie Barret <stephaniebarret@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 3:40 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Support HB2183 to stop ivory trade

Dear Hawaii Lawmakers,

I am writing to ask for your support for HB2183 and ask for a ban to ivory trade. Ivory sale and trade is currently responsible for the ongoing slaughter of elephants throughout Africa. Currently approximately 1 elephant dies every 15 minutes of poaching decimating entire herds of this iconic species. Poaching is also a major source of funding for terrorism, and a major threat to national security, as Al Shabaab and other Somali and Sudanese terrorist groups currently receive over 50% of their funding from poaching elephants in Kenya, Congo and other places.

Having seen elephants in the wild, I cannot consider standing by and watching as this mighty species is slaughtered under our watch and find it inconceivable to have to explain to my children one day that they can only see elephants in books because our generation just did nothing. Amongst the human victims of poaching are also the 1000+ rangers who were murdered in the line of duty in the past 10 years alone. With HB2183, you have a direct opportunity to be on the right side of history and help stop the massacre. I am urging your committee to encourage enforcing an end to the trade and importation of ivory (whether raw or vanity) in and to the state of Hawaii, which unfortunately a top ivory market in the U.S.

Hawaii is synonymous worldwide to an environmentally conscious and progressive state that represents living in harmony with nature. I am confident you will do the right thing by Earth's last elephants, the people of the continent of Africa, the people of the world and the people of Hawaii.

Thank you for your time and efforts and for your support for this most critical issue.

Sincerely,
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From: Wendy Bateson <wendy.bateson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 1:32 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Banning Ivory

Honorable Legislators,

35,000 African elephants are slaughtered every year for their ivory. If this poaching isn't curtailed, there won't be any elephants in the wild in our lifetime...some estimates are that they could be EXTINCT by 2025.

Please ban the sale of ivory in your beautiful state. Please help the elephants live as they were intended to...without the unspeakable suffering and death. It's not just the greed of poachers, middlemen, corrupt officials, and kingpins buying ivory. Terrorism is being funded by the poaching of elephant tusks now.

Please help. The world is watching and looking to you.

My thanks in advance for your efforts,

Sincerely,

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From: Anna Belew <belew@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 10:30 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please SUPPORT HB2183 to Protect Elephants

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Dear Hawaii Economic Development and Business Committee,

I implore you to support House Bill 2183 to Prohibit the Sale of Ivory. The sale of ivory kills elephants. Please ban the sale of ivory, regardless of its age. Ban the possession of ivory, exempting antique items, defined as from elephants killed before 1900, that has appropriate documentation. I and many other citizens of Hawaii feel it is urgent and crucial to act quickly to prevent the extinction of elephants.

Mahalo for your time and action.

Sincerely,
Anna Belew

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From: A. Bird <mountainacupuncture@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 8:38 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Support HB2183

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I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly.
Wendy Bridges
Berkeley, California

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From: Tamara Birdsall <birdsalltamara@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 3:37 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183!

As you know, the demand for ivory trinkets has lead to the unmitigated and relentless poaching of African elephants. Beyond the decimation of a keystone species it is now recognized that poaching sponsors terrorism. I am urging your committee to encourage enforcing an end to the trade and importation of ivory (whether raw or vanity) in and to the state of Hawaii.

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I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Regards, Tamara Birdsall, Berkeley CA
and Hawaii lover!

ward2-Robin

From: Caz <cazbliss1@hotmail.co.uk>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 1:08 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: HB2183 please support

Please do all possible to support this bill and protect the wonderful creatures that are currently being persecuted for their ivory tusks / horns for no reason.

Please help save them from possible extinction if these illegal trades continue.

Thank you
Mrs C Bliss
Sent from my iPhone

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From: Debbie Bloom <debbieb353@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 9:43 AM
To: edbtestimony
Cc: reptsuji@capital.hawaii.gov

Hawaii, as the 2nd largest retailer of ivory in the nation, has the chance to protect elephants from their continued massacre for the blood ivory trade. I ask you to please SUPPORT HB2183. This is a global crisis and Hawaii can take the national lead in protecting elephants!

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Debbie Bloom

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From: kem.borjesson@googlemail.com
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 9:54 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: END IVORY TRADE! SUPPORT HB2183!

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
Karin Borjesson United Kingdom
Sent from my BlackBerry® smartphone

ward2-Robin

From: Jill Borrett <jilbor@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 9:17 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please support the HB2183 bill

Good Evening

I am sending this email to ask you to please support the bill HB2183. I live in Australia and I am extremely concerned about the future of the elephants and rhinos. A world without these animals is unthinkable and you have the power to play an important role in the protection of elephants by enacting this Bill. It will also set a precedent for others to follow. Without our protection these majestic animals will be extinct in our lifetime. Please enact this important bill to ensure a future for these animals.

With Kind Regards

Jill Borrett
South Australia

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From: Estefania Buritica <buritica@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 10:27 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please SUPPORT HB2183 to Protect Elephants

PLEASE

This is important- the sale and possession of ivory kills elephants.

Please ban the sale of ivory, regardless of its age.

Ban the possession of ivory.

Let's make Hawaii be the example of leadership and innovation by banning sale, possession (of any kind) to prevent poaching of elephants.

Let's collaborate together to save the few elephants we have left, please.

Thank you for your time.

Nia B.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 10:15 AM
To: edbtestimony
Cc: clydecanino@comcast.net
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB2183 on Feb 4, 2014 08:30AM

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HB2183

Submitted on: 2/3/2014

Testimony for EDB on Feb 4, 2014 08:30AM in Conference Room 312

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karen Canino	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I would urge that this bill be passed. The poaching of elephants for ivory needs to stop- the passage of this bill is one small step. I have included a link for a blog about a bull elephant that was killed by a poisoned arrow, no doubt for his ivory tusks. I would urge you all to read it. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Karen Canino <http://markdeeble.wordpress.com/2014/02/02/the-passing-of-a-giant/>

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From: Cynthia Carlson <lm.fullmoon@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 3:59 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Support HB2183

Dear Sirs,

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
Cynthia Hever
Holly Springs, NC USA

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From: Louise Carter <louiscarter@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 4:18 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: HB2183

Dear Sirs, Aloha from a resident of New Zealand. PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183! Ivory is (primarily) the outcome of poaching. The unmitigated and relentless poaching of African elephants. It is also well established that poaching sponsors terrorism. I am urging your committee to encourage enforcing a total ban on the trade and importation of ivory (whether raw or vanity) in and to the state of Hawaii. It is with great pride and much aloha that I support this effort by the HSUS to ban the ivory trade in the Aloha State, unfortunately a "top" ivory market in the USA, possibly next only to New York and perhaps ahead of San Francisco. A compassionate, progressive and dynamic state, a state of by and for the people, I am confident the Aloha state will do the right thing by Earth's last elephants, the people of the continent of Africa, the people of the world and the people of Hawaii. I write on behalf of all victims, human and animal alike, of the horrific poaching crisis in Africa. Poaching sponsors terrorism, kills 35,000+ elephants each year, 100 a day and an astounding 1 every fifteen minutes; The elephant, a keystone species and Earth's grandest terrestrial herbivore is slated for extinction in the wilds of Africa within 10 years. Amongst the human victims of poaching are the 1000+ rangers who were murdered in the line of duty in the past 10 years alone. I also humbly ask that you support vigorous prosecution of those who engage in activities that sponsor, promote and escalate poaching; to this end, I recommend that the state of Hawaii furnish its law enforcement personnel with the resources required to expose, mitigate and end the trade in ivory within Hawaii; It is well established that the killing of wild animals and the sale of their body parts is funding terrorism - which includes the recent Westgate mall attack and the killing of innocent human victims in Nairobi, Kenya. As global citizens, as the gateway to the east, the Aloha state and USA must take on a strong and unequivocal leadership role to end the ivory trade immediately. I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue. Be well and Mahalo nui loa. Warmly.

Louise Carter
New Zealand.

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From: Ron Chandler <cifaeinc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 5:01 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: For the elephants, for HB2183: End ivory trade

Honorable Representatives of Hawai'i:

For a number of years I traveled to your great nation and assisted Hawaiian ecologists with water quality and fisheries studies. They were stellar scientists, conservationists, and notably proud of their Hawai'i. Since that time years ago I began an elephant conservation organization that approaches protection of elephants and other precious species through understanding the social dilemma experienced by the people when their greatest natural treasures are being extinguished. The Hawaiian People are all too familiar with this story.

I am writing you on behalf of the peoples that share life and land with the elephant and are witnessing this miracle of the natural world being slaughtered before their eyes many times each day. Your vote for HB2183 will give to the people and elephant what so many Hawaiians and their cherished species never had the chance to receive.

Please vote for HB2183 for the People and their elephants.

With gratitude,

Ron Chandler

President, Co-founder

Conservation Initiative for the Asian Elephant

Gainesville, FL

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 12:09 PM
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Cc: brendarc@hawaii.edu
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB2183 on Feb 4, 2014 08:30AM

HB2183

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brenda Clark	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please ban the sale of ivory. Selling pieces of animals because they're "pretty" is grotesque and inhumane. It encourages disfiguring and killing of an already vulnerable species, and it should be illegal.

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From: Nancy Clark <nancy_d_clark@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 3:08 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Save the Elephants

Dear Sirs,

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I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
Nancy Clark
Santa Rosa, CA

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From: Jennifer Cohen <jen.cohen@ymail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 8:54 AM
Subject: Please Support of State Bill: HB2183.

Hawaii and the USA must take on a strong and unequivocal leadership role to end the ivory trade immediately. I write on behalf of all victims, human and animal alike, of the horrific poaching crisis in Africa. Poaching sponsors terrorism, kills 35,00 elephants each year, 100 a day and an astounding 1 every fifteen minutes. The elephant, a keystone species and Earth's grandest terrestrial herbivore is slated for extinction in the wilds of Africa within 10 years. Amongst the human victims of poaching are the 1000+ rangers who were murdered in the line of duty in the past 10 years alone.

I thank you for your time and efforts.

Best,

Jennifer Cohen
Los Angeles, CA

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From: Maraya Cornell <maraya.cornell@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 2:46 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Make Conservation History in Hawaii - Support HB2183

Dear Sirs,

Greetings!

I'm writing to urge you to support HB2183, and to ban the sale of ivory in the beautiful state of Hawaii.

The elephant, a keystone species and Earth's grandest terrestrial herbivore is being slaughtered in record numbers for its ivory. If our children are going to live in a world with elephants, we all need to do our part to stop the poaching crisis.

Poaching is taking a colossal human toll as well. More than 1000 rangers have been murdered in the line of duty in the past 10 years alone. It is also well established that the killing of critically endangered wild animals and the sale of their body parts is funding terrorism - which includes the recent Westgate mall attack and the killing of innocent human victims in Nairobi, Kenya.

Although Asia is the primary destination of poached ivory, the United States is a major market. As long as the domestic sale of ivory is legal in the U.S., it will operate as a cover for illegal, recently poached ivory, cause the deaths of more elephants, and assist terror groups. We need to ban the sale of ivory throughout the U.S.

As someone who has visited Hawaii multiple times, and seen some of the important conservation work that is being done there, I would be proud and pleased to see the Aloha State leading the way.

Thank you for your time and efforts. Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warm Regards,

Maraya Cornell
1903 Rosalia Rd
Los Angeles, CA 90027

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From: Karen Cornell <kcornell@cal.net>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 3:30 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Make Elephant History in Hawaii - Support HB2183

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Thank you for your time and efforts. Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warm Regards,
Karen Cornell
704 David Circle
Placerville, CA 95667

ward2-Robin

From: Bridget Cox <bridgetecox@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 2:23 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Thank you for being a leader

Dear Sirs,

Greetings ! I hope this finds you well. The countries of the world are paying attention to this urgent crisis and I'm thanking you for taking leadership like NYC. NYC is taking action, amongst others globally, on implementing the long over due changes needed to be made on outdated and ineffecient laws. (inefficient being an understatement).

I do not work in wildlife conservation but as a citizen of the world, I am heartbroken over this unnecessary crisis and follow the news everyday about it. I walked amongst thousands of other americans during the International March for elephants on October 4th in NYC. The outrage and passion amongst everyone is clear. This historical and embarrassing disaster needs the most unusual and epic changes brought globally. Everyone needs to do their part to take action in order the stop this ridiculous trend brought by ignorance.

The world cannot sit back, in conscious and let Ivory Trinkets, random objects of art keep ruining the biodiversity of the planet and more importantly the horror its brought to one of our worlds most beloved and iconic species.

Ivory simply cannot be sold anymore as their is no way to test the validation of the date it was carved in.

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly.

Bridget Cox

NYC, United States of America

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From: Michelle <MichelleCrow@everettdentist.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 9:32 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Ban the Ivory Trade

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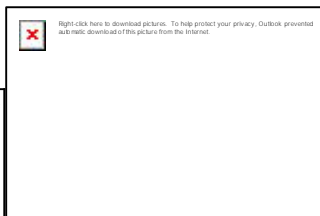
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Warmly

Michelle Crow, D.D.S.



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From: Judy Dalton <judydalton123@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 2:22 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183

Aloha Economic Development & Business Committee Members,

PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183.

I urge this committee to help put an end to the ivory trade in Hawaii by banning the importation of ivory into the state.

Hawaii is the second largest retailer of ivory in the United States.

Ivory is primarily the result of poaching - the unmitigated and relentless poaching of African elephants.

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includes the recent Westgate mall killings in Nairobi, Kenya.

Please protect the lives of these magnificent creatures by taking a strong and unequivocal leadership role to end the ivory trade in Hawaii immediately.

Thank you for taking these comments into consideration on this most critical issue.

Judy Dalton

[808-246-9067](tel:808-246-9067)

ward2-Robin

From: GeorgeDalzell@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 11:18 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: PLEASE END IVORY TRADE, SUPPORT HB2183!

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Sincerely yours,

George Dalzell, LCSW
Pittsburgh, PA

ward2-Robin

From: Patricia Donegan <donegan@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 9:05 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: House Bill 2183

Dear legislators,

Please ban the sale of ivory in Hawai'i. Hawaii is the 2nd largest retailer of ivory in the nation. The sale of ivory kills elephants. Tens of thousands of elephants are killed every year for their tusks.

Please help to prevent the massacre of these highly intelligent and beautiful animals. Current federal laws are inadequate and contain many loopholes. By passing this law, Hawai'i has the chance to be a GLOBAL leader in elephant conservation.

Thank you,
Patricia Donegan

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Patricia Donegan
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From: Pamela Donovan <pamdonovan@optonline.net>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 1:04 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: HB 2183

Please support HB2183!

Through this bill, people across both the United States and throughout the world know that they can and will play an important role in the protection of elephants.

Specifically the bill "Prohibits any person, firm, partnership, or corporation from importing, selling, offering to sell, or possessing with intent to sell any ivory product."

Please be a leader in the fight against the slaughter of elephants and pass HB2183 tomorrow. Do not allow the sale of ivory in Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration,

Pamela Donovan

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 8:31 PM
To: edbtestimony
Cc: karenleis@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB2183 on Feb 4, 2014 08:30AM

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Testimony for EDB on Feb 4, 2014 08:30AM in Conference Room 312

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karen Eisenlord	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please support HB2183. You have the support of people across the USA and around world and can play an important role in the protection of elephants by enacting this Bill.

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From: Lee Eisenstein <lionel@cruzio.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 7:31 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: SUPPORT HB2183!

Aloha,

Please support HB2183, prohibiting the sale of ivory.

With respect, I realize that for some, ivory is treasured as a medium for artworks and other object of cultural significance. I think it is clear to most, that the plundering of our world's natural resources and wildlife for profit, (regardless of the motive), is an archaic obscenity, a gross distortion of civilized values and must be ended now.

Aloha,
Lee Eisenstein
Hawaii
<<http://duetbuddy.com>>

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From: teri evans <tleintampa@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 8:47 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: please ban ivory

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I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical

issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly.

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 11:08 AM
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Cc: tafelderman@gmail.com
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Tiffany Felderman	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: No more sales of ivory so as to stop the killing of elephants.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cathy Goeggel	Animal Rights Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this bill. The only way to stop the killing is to stop the flow of money into this bloody trade. Mahalo to Rep Rhoads and all the legislative supporters of HB 2183

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From: Sonora GP <sonoragp@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 8:51 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: END IVORY TRADE! SUPPORT HB2183!

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
Sonora Greer-Polkow
Portland, OR
USA

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From: Rebecca Gunter <rosepetals334@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 4:26 PM
To: edbtestimony
Cc: Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji
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Warmly.

Rebecca Gunter
United States

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From: iehaney00@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 8:48 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward
Subject: Ban Import of Ivory

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I ask you to please SUPPORT HB2183.

This is a global crisis and Hawaii can take the national lead in protecting elephants!

Irene M. Haney
Oneonta, NY
USA



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From: Don Hergarten <dondenisehi@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 4:56 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: HB 2183

Committee Members,

Please support HB 2183. Ivory poaching is placing elephant populations at risk. The Wildlife Conservation Society estimates that poachers kill 96 elephants every day in Africa. These killings have caused a 76 % decline in elephant populations since 2002.

Please stop the sale of all ivory in Hawaii.

Donald Hergarten
Ewa Beach, Hawaii
(808) 371-6343

ward2-Robin

From: Lauren Hauber <hauber.lauren@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 8:49 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Please support an end of the ivory trade in Hawaii through supporting HB2183

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Warmly.
Lauren Hauber
USA

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Lauren Hauber, LEED AP
hauber.lauren@gmail.com

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From: Raina Heaton <rainaheaton@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 9:05 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please SUPPORT HB2183 to Protect Elephants

The sale of ivory kills elephants. Please ban the sale of ivory, regardless of its age. Ban the possession of ivory, exempting antique items, defined as from elephants killed before 1900, that has appropriate documentation. Elephants are important not only to our global ecosystem but also to a range of fields, for instance the study of complex communication systems other than our own.

Thank you.

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Raina Heaton
PhD student, Linguistics
558 Moore Hall
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

ward2-Robin

From: Yvonne Hettinger <y.hettinger@googlemail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 9:47 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Protect elephants - Say no to ivory

Dear Sirs,

Please support HB2183.

You have the support from people all over the world to do this important step forward for the protection of elephants!

Thank you!

With kind regards from Germany,
Yvonne Hettinger

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ward2-Robin

From: Laryl Hutchin <laryl88@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 5:25 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: END IVORY TRADE! SUPPORT HB2183!

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Warmly,
K. Laryl Hutchin

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From: Susan Inouye <inouye@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 9:26 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please SUPPORT HB2183 to Protect Elephants

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Thank you for making the intelligent choice.

Aloha,

Susan

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Susan Banner Inouye, PhD
Professor, Language, Linguistics & Literature
Kapi'olani Community College
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Honolulu, HI 96816
808-734-9708

ward2-Robin

From: Emma Johnston <emmajohnston95@hotmail.co.uk>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 1:07 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: HB2183

96 elephants are brutally killed in Africa everyday.

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ward2-Robin

From: GracieK312 <graciek312@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 1:44 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please Support HB2183 And Help End The Ivory Trade

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Warmly,
Grace Kang
Chicago, IL
USA

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 10:48 AM
To: edbtestimony
Cc: Kellyc_14@hotmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB2183 on Feb 4, 2014 08:30AM

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From: divanm918@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 10:23 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: HB 2183

I am writing to urge your support of this bill prohibiting the sale and import of ivory into Hawaii. I'm a concerned person aware of the increasing support of the preservation of elephants and rhinos. We were looking forward to making plans for a fall vacation in the islands and I think that the focus on banning ivory in every form will influence both our family's decision and that of other concerned people. Thank you for reading this, and please vote to ban ivory imports.

Diane Kubiak New Mexico, USA

ward2-Robin

From: Scott & Kathy Law <setters2@pacbell.net>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 5:27 PM
To: edbtestimony
Cc: Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads

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Warmly.

Scott Law

www.linkedin.com/in/scottalaw

ward2-Robin

From: Helen LeBrecht <coeur3@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 7:20 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Permanent ivory ban

Please support this bill to ban ivory . It's critical for the survival of the African elephant !
Thank you. They are among the most intelligent, compassionate family oriented animals on earth.
Thank you!

Helen LeBrecht
coeur3@mac.com

ward2-Robin

From: Miriam F. Leiseroff <kamenzso36@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 8:00 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Bill HB2183

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Sincerely,

Miriam F. Leiseroff

San Jose, California

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From: Valerie Marcelli <scout1264@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 9:23 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: End Ivory Trade! Support HB2183

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Warmly,

Valerie Marcelli

Boston, Massachusetts

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From: Sarah McElrath <sarah.mcelrath@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 9:08 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: HB2183 - Banning Ivory

Good Afternoon,

I wanted to write and show my support for the bill HB2183 that “Prohibits any person, firm, partnership, or corporation from importing, selling, offering to sell, or possessing with intent to sell any ivory product.” that you are introducing and voting on this week. Please know that you are a leader in writing this bill and have support and praise for doing this across the USA and the world. I live in Georgia, USA and would love for our state to follow suit and completely ban the sale any ivory products. Elephants are such magnificent animal and are a brink of extinction if people and countries don't immediately make drastic changes to our laws. Thank you for potentially being one of those changes. Please vote for this bill tomorrow!

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Thanks,
Sarah Mcelrath

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From: Allison McKay <allisonsmckay@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 9:16 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183

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Committee members,

Please support HB2183 and call for an outright ban on the ivory trade, which is decimating the species in Africa and elsewhere. Your support matters greatly.

Regards,
Allison McKay

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From: TerriLynne Mitchell <littlebigshorty69@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 1:30 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: HB2183

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Warmly,
T.L. Mitchell
United States of America

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From: Andrea <birdofparadise@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 8:00 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please SUPPORT HB2183 to Protect Elephants

PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183 to prohibit the sale of ivory. With only an estimated 11 years until elephants are extinct in the wild the passage of this bill is crucial. Simply put, the sale of ivory kills elephants. Please ban the sale of ivory overall, regardless of its age. Equally important, please ban the possession of ivory, exempting antique items, defined as from elephants killed before 1900, that has appropriate documentation. At the crossroads of the Pacific, a ban with legitimate fine and prosecution for violators has the potential to make a deep impact on the ivory trade and ultimately afford greater protection of elephants.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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ward2-Robin

From: rutharella@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 12:10 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: H.B. 2183

Dear Representatives of the great State of Hawaii -

I congratulate you for considering H.B. 2183 in support of an ivory trade ban in your state. The elephants of both Africa and Asia are in desperate need of protection from a growing demand for ivory products taking place around the world. With the U.S.A. being the 2nd largest consumer of ivory after China, the citizens of the United States have an opportunity (and the responsibility) to lead the world with a national ban on ivory trading. By passing H.B. 2183 Hawaii can help lead the way for a national ivory trade ban.

Thank you in advance for passing H.B. 2183 - for the sake of the elephants - and for all life on Earth.

Mahalo,

Ruth Nichols
Resident of the great State of Florida

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From: Nuvnish <nuvnish@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 4:44 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: END IVORY TRADE! SUPPORT HB2183!

Dear Sirs,

Greetings! I hope this finds you well.

PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183! Ivory is (primarily) the outcome of poaching. The unmitigated and relentless poaching of African elephants. It is well established that poaching (also) sponsors terrorism. I am urging your committee to encourage enforcing an end to the trade and importation of ivory (whether raw or vanity) in and to the state of Hawaii.

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I write on behalf of all victims, human and animal alike, of the horrific poaching crisis in Africa. Poaching sponsors terrorism, kills 35,000+ elephants each year, 100 a day and an astounding 1 every fifteen minutes; The elephant, a keystone species and Earth's grandest terrestrial herbivore is slated for extinction in the wilds of Africa within 10 years. Amongst the human victims of poaching are the 1000+ rangers who were murdered in the line of duty in the past 10 years alone.

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As global citizens, as the gateway to the east, the Aloha state and the USA must take on a strong and unequivocal leadership role to end the ivory trade immediately.

I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Nuvnish Malik
UK

ward2-Robin

From: Maryann Overstreet <overst@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 8:38 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please SUPPORT HB2183 to Protect Elephants

Dear Committee,

The sale of ivory kills elephants. This is brutal and inhumane, and threatens the species!

Please ban the sale of ivory, regardless of its age. Ban the possession of ivory, exempting antique items, defined as from elephants killed before 1900, that has appropriate documentation.

Thank you,
Maryann Overstreet

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From: Desiree Panis <daisypanis@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 8:47 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: NO Retail of Ivory.

To whom it concerns:

Hawaii, as the 2nd largest retailer of ivory in the nation, has the chance to protect elephants from their continued massacre for the blood ivory trade. I ask you to please SUPPORT HB2183. This is a global crisis and Hawaii can take the national lead in protecting elephants!

Kind regards, Désirée Panis, France

ward2-Robin

From: gary <gpep3@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 1:17 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Ivory

Dear Sirs,

The elephant populations of the earth are being wiped out due to relentless mass slaughter by poachers who kill these huge, beautiful creatures for their tusks. Ivory is a worthless substance that can be replaced with synthetics. There is no need to massacre these beautiful animals for their Ivory. Please ban the sale and import of Ivory and its products from the shores of your great and beautiful state. Don't mar the beauty of Hawaii with the horrors of the blood Ivory trade. Please make Hawaii the ivory free state.

Sincerely,

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From: Spritt <spritt99@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 5:25 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: HB2183

Tomorrow, when you hear the bill to prohibit the sale of ivory in Hawaii which "Prohibits any person, firm, partnership, or corporation from importing, selling, offering to sell, or possessing with intent to sell any ivory product."... I ask you to please support HB2183. This bill protecting elephants is so important to the preservation of this beautiful, gentle, intelligent species. Please don't allow poachers to destroy and torture these creatures for their own heartless greed. You CAN make this change... we have to do something before they are eradicated from our world, which would be such a sad and pointless loss. Thank you for your consideration, and compassion.

Sheryl A. Pritt

ward2-Robin

From: Elizabeth Profita <eprofit@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 3:27 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please SUPPORT HB2183 to Protect Elephants

New ivory products should not be allowed on the market. Unfortunately, what's done is already done, but we can stop the poaching of elephants by not allowing new ivory to go on the market. Elephants take a long time to reproduce and invest so much in their offspring. If we continue to kill them, they will go extinct.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Profita

ward2-Robin

From: Mary Prubant <mprubant@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 9:05 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: End the Ivory Trade in Hawaii

Dear Sirs,

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We thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
Mary Prubant
and
Terry Skemer
San Jose, CA 95128
U.S.A.

ward2-Robin

From: owlit1@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 9:33 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please SUPPORT HB2183 to Protect Elephants

I support HB2183 to protect the elephants. Its important that good sound written Bills for an Act that eventually become law are scrutinized for any possible "loop holes" that decreases the effect of the intent for the new law. Because of these "loop holes", as in this case, the Elephants are still targeted for their ivory. Elephants and there habitant needs to be protected.

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From: diann <tweetybird0054@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 10:37 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: HB2183

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Thank you,
Diann Ranum
tweetybird0054@msn.com

ward2-Robin

From: Patricia Raxter <tricia1575@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 2:50 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: support HB2183

All,

You have the support of people across the USA and around world. You can play an important role in the protection of elephants by enacting this Bill. They need our help. Be a leader, and others will follow.

Sincerely,

Patricia Raxter
Norfolk, VA

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 7:10 PM
To: edbtestimony
Cc: aureraygoza@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB2183 on Feb 4, 2014 08:30AM

HB2183

Submitted on: 2/3/2014

Testimony for EDB on Feb 4, 2014 08:30AM in Conference Room 312

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Aure Raygoza	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: "The sale of ivory kills elephants. Please ban the sale of ivory, regardless of its age. Ban the possession of ivory, exempting antique items, defined as from elephants killed before 1900, that has appropriate documentation."

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To: edbtestimony
Cc: melodyaross@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB2183 on Feb 4, 2014 08:30AM

HB2183

Submitted on: 2/3/2014

Testimony for EDB on Feb 4, 2014 08:30AM in Conference Room 312

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melody Ann Ross	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Hawai'i does not have a good reputation with the global elephant conservation community, but it does have a good reputation with illegal ivory sellers. As global citizens, it is our kuleana to change that- let's be leaders in spreading our aloha!

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From: ursula saarniit <udsarniit@rogers.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 11:27 AM
To: Rep. Karl Rhoads; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Clifton K. Tsujii; edbtestimony
Subject: please stop the killing
Attachments: ursula saarniit.vcf

Importance: High

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I write on behalf of all victims, human and animal alike, of the horrific poaching crisis in Africa. Poaching sponsors terrorism, kills 35,000+ elephants each year, 100 a day and an astounding 1 every fifteen minutes; The elephant, a keystone species and Earth's grandest terrestrial herbivore is slated for extinction in the wilds of Africa within 10 years. Amongst the human victims of poaching are the 1000+ rangers who were murdered in the line of duty in the past 10 years alone.

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As global citizens, as the gateway to the east, the Aloha state and the USA must take on a strong and unequivocal leadership role to end the ivory trade immediately and stop the horrific abuse of these gentle giants

I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly.

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From: Elephants DC <elephantsdc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 9:05 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Support HB2183 - OUTLAW IVORY FOR ELEPHANTS

Dear Hawaiian Lawmakers:

Hawaii has the historic opportunity to turn the tide for elephants in the United States of America.

Please support HB2183 which would outlaw ivory trade in the beautiful Aloha state. Ivory trade funds criminal syndicates in Africa and Asia with direct links to acts of terrorism.

Elephants are the largest land mammals on the planet, family-oriented, highly intelligent, communicate subsonically, serve as protectors of migratory species across ecosystems, and represent rudimentary symbols of Strength, Wisdom, Family, Wonder and Friendship to children of all citizenship.

Hawaii, for every child who learns "E" is for "Elephant" / "Elepani" when they discover their ABCs - support HB2183.

"You know ... they say an elephant never forgets. What they don't tell you is, you never forget an elephant." - Bill Murray in "Larger Than Life"

We know that only 1 percent of the African elephant population has survived from a century ago. We know 1 elephant is killed every 15 minutes for its tusks.

We know approximately 96 elephants, sometimes far more, are killed every day to feed the \$18 billion global ivory trade.

We know that legal trade has created law enforcement loopholes for illegal smugglers, poachers, and buyers.

We know after China the United States is the second largest buyer of ivory in the world - trading in both illegal and legal ivory worship.

We know Hawaii is the second largest consumer of ivory after New York.

We know action in Hawaii would immediately support efforts to ban ivory in New York, Vermont, and New Jersey. It would also be a beacon of hope for San Francisco advocates in California.

In 2014: the Year of the Elephant, we know that ivory comes from suffering and death at the cost of lives and price of extinction.

Please SUPPORT HB2183 and back this just and noble cause to protect elephants from extinction while defending national security by ending all ivory trade in beautiful Hawaii. Please also amend HB2183 to classify trading ivory punishable as a Class C Felony - not a mere misdemeanor.

We urgently must act NOW in order to beat the rate of extinction engulfing the elephant species - from Africa to Asia as imported "products" called ivory are consumed on a global scale. The elephants don't have much longer at this rate of slaughter. We must send a clear message to the world that elephants matter, not ivory products.

Support an IVORY BAN IN HAWAII and set the tone for the global movement composed of millions of people calling for the immediate and permanent cession of ivory trade. Hawaii take the lead on this URGENT and key bipartisan issue.

Please stand with the elephants against those profiting from blatant acts of extinction. Tusks are part of living elephants. Ivory buying in 2014 perpetuates the death of the elephant species.

To promote elephant welfare Elephants DC was formed after more than 40,000 people united in cities across the world for the International March for Elephants on Oct. 4, 2013, which called on a score of governments to immediately ban ivory. National Geographic called it the first global march for another species.

Elephants DC is part of a national coalition, known as the People's Movement for Elephants, working on a federal ivory ban. We believe that state leadership is essential for the elephants at this crucial juncture with the remaining herds being increasingly decimated by poachers.

Hawaii - be the leaders the elephants need.

Let Congress know that Hawaii takes the future existence of elephants on earth quite seriously and does so with a vested interest in our children's future and national security.

PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183.

Thank you.

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ward2-Robin

From: Bonnie Sanford <sansueinthepines@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 6:59 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: HB2183

Hello I would like to start out my saying how much my husband and I have enjoyed our vacations in Hawaii. We absolutely enjoyed all of the Islands and hope to visit again soon. The reason I'm writing this is my love of elephants. I know you will be voting on HB2183, which calls for the ban of ivory trade. Please I employ you to pass this bill. We need to stop the continued killing of elephants. Can you imagine what it is like for these animals to be hunted and killed. Trying to run for their lives and watching their family members die in front of them. Think about the mothers trying to protect their babies. Think about the nursing babies left without their mothers. Did you know that all the females in an elephant family stay together for life. Please I beg of you to pass this Bill HB2183 and stop this trade from happening on the beautiful Islands of Hawaii.

Sincerely
Bonnie Sanford

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From: Sasparella <stlam235@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 11:21 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: HB2183

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Please support HB2183 and play your part in protecting elephants. They are disappearing fast and will be extinct in the wild in a very few years, as will the rhino. Please show your humanity in stopping the sale of ivory and helping to save these beautiful sentient beings who have far more love of family and friends than a lot of humans do. You CAN make a difference in this world, please do it by supporting HB2183

Thank you

Rosie

United Kingdom.

ward2-Robin

From: Dawn Scholes <dawn_scholes@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 12:22 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Committee meeting to review HB 2183

Dear State Representatives

Hawaii, as the 2nd largest retailer of ivory in the nation, has the chance to protect elephants from their continued massacre for the blood ivory trade. I ask you to please SUPPORT HB2183. This is a global crisis and Hawaii can take the national lead in protecting elephants!

Thank you.

Dawn Scholes
Wakefield
UK

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From: Anita Setra <asetra@online.no>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 10:10 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: support HB2183

ACT NOW TO PROTECT ELEPHANTS! support HB2183

Best regards
Anita Setra
Norway

ward2-Robin

From: INSPIREVISION@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 1:31 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please SUPPORT HB2183 to Protect Elephants

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Members of the Economic Development and Business Committee:

Please support and pass House Bill 2183.

The pictures from the link below show how an elephant survivor suffers after being attacked and injured by ivory poachers. The mercilessness of the butchery and suffering of these beautiful and intelligent sentient beings for pieces of ivory trinkets or dcor is intolerable to our social conscience.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/02/27/battle-for-the-elephants_n_2768184.html#slide=1878051



[Elephant Poaching, Timber Theft Cost World Billions Annually, Officials Say](#)

"People from around the world are outraged that organized criminal networks are robbing the world of our elephants, rhinos, tigers and other wildlife, purely for the profit of a very few outlaws," Downes said.

Please make this a better world for suffering animals, who in no way deserve such torture and suffering like this.

Mahalo,
Jane Shiraki
Honolulu

ward2-Robin

From: Theodoros Spachidakis <theo_spachidakis@yahoo.gr>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 10:16 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: END IVORY TRADE! SUPPORT HB2183!

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I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

THEODORE SPACHIDAKIS
GREECE

ward2-Robin

From: Dixon Smith <dixoninhawaii@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 8:48 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please SUPPORT HB2183 to Protect Elephants

Hawaii is the 2nd largest retailer of ivory in the nation. We may only save the elephant by prohibiting the sale of their parts-- IVORY, which is what drives the massacre of these highly intelligent and sentient animals.

- Tens of thousands of elephants are poached ever year for their tusks (teeth). Scientists estimate that the African Elephant may be extinct in as few as 12 years due to current rate of killing.
- Current federal laws are inadequate and contain many loopholes. By passing this law, Hawaii has the chance to be a GLOBAL leader in elephant conservation!

Without your efforts, soon there will be only pictures and dim memories of the magnificent elephant.

Thank you in advance.
Dixon Smith

ward2-Robin

From: Andrea S. <asperaw@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 6:23 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Karl Rhoads; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward
Subject: HB 2183

Dear Sirs,

I write to you to urge you to support HB 2183.

Each day 96 elephants are violently killed in Africa for their ivory. At this rate the beautiful, majestic animal will be extinct in less than ten years. Something dramatic must occur in order to save this vital species. Thus, I urge your committee to enforce an end to the trade and importation of all ivory within and to the State of Hawaii.

It is well established that the killing of critically endangered wild animals and the sale of their body parts is funding terrorism, which includes the recent Westgate mall attack and the killing of innocent human victims in Nairobi, Kenya.

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As the gateway to the East, Hawaii must take a strong role to end the ivory trade immediately.

I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Respectfully,

Andrea Speraw
San Francisco, California
USA

ward2-Robin

From: Sheryl Stewart <stewette@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 4:00 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Please Support HB2183

Hawaii, as the 2nd largest retailer of ivory in the nation, has the chance to protect elephants from their continued massacre for the blood ivory trade. I ask you to please SUPPORT HB2183. This is a global crisis and Hawaii can take the national lead in protecting elephants! Elephants could be extinct in as few as 12 years from now without this support.

With sincere gratitude for the protection of elephants,

Sheryl Stewart
155 Chase Run
Stoughton, MA 02072

ward2-Robin

From: Elaine Sutherland <esuther@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 11:18 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: End Ivory Trade: Support HB 2183

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Dear Sirs,

My brother lives in Hawaii, so I feel a special connection with the state and fervently urge you to support HB2183.

As you probably know, Ivory is (primarily) obtained by poaching which is not only devastating to wild elephant populations, but also sponsors terrorism. I therefore urge you to enforcing an end to the trade and importation of ivory in any form to the state of Hawaii.

It is unfortunate that Hawaii is a major US market for ivory products, and I hope the knowledge of its cruel origins will stir Hawaiians to revulsion at this trade.

I write on behalf of all victims, human and animal alike, of the horrific poaching crisis in Africa. Poaching sponsors terrorism, kills 35,000+ elephants each year, 100 a day and an astounding 1 every fifteen minutes; The elephant, a keystone species and Earth's grandest terrestrial herbivore is slated for extinction in the wilds of Africa within 10 years. Amongst the human victims of poaching are the 1000+ rangers who were murdered in the line of duty in the past 10 years alone.

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I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Best regards from New York City

Elaine Sutherland

ward2-Robin

From: Marcy Taylor <MarcyTaylor@cinci.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 10:01 AM
To: edbtestimony
Cc: 'Raina Heaton'
Subject: Please SUPPORT HB2183 to Protect Elephants

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Trade in ivory kills elephants. Ivory is used for its beauty. Isn't a live elephant more beautiful than a carving? Elephants are family animals with rich social lives and tight family relationships. They recognize and remember their relatives, alive and tragically killed for tusk ivory. Please vote to shut down the trade in ivory ABSOLUTELY. There is no way to sort poached tusks from any other tusks. Only a complete and total ban on trade with penalties will save elephants. Do you want to be culpable for their disappearance?

Respectfully,
Marcy B. Taylor
Makiki and Ohio



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From: Eileen Thibault <ethibault@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 9:27 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Stop the elephant massacre for blood ivory trade

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Sincerely,

Eileen Thibault
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Richmond, CA 94803

Phone: 510 223-1889

ward2-Robin

From: tibbs@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 4:28 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please SUPPORT HB2183 to Protect Elephants

Elephants in the wild will soon be extinct! That is not an exaggeration. How will you feel when you realize that humans are to blame.

The sale of ivory kills elephants. Please ban the sale of ivory, regardless of its age. And please ban the possession of ivory, exempting antique items, defined as from elephants killed before 1900.

Mahalo, Paul Tibbetts

ward2-Robin

From: Robin Vitulle <vicadaro@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 2:43 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please support HB2183

Please! Support this bill.

You have the support of the people across the USA and the world.

We all must do whatever is possible to save this majestic animal. How can we as a people not put into place a measure that could help the Elephant to survive?

Please pass HB2183!

Thank you,
Robin Vitulle
USA

Sent from Robin Vitulle

ward2-Robin

From: Bill White <william.august.white@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 4:58 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads

Dear Sirs,

Aloha from a resident of your state.

Please support bill HB2183! Ivory is (primarily) the outcome of poaching. The unmitigated and relentless poaching of African elephants. It is also well established that poaching sponsors terrorism. I am urging your committee to encourage enforcing a total ban on the trade and importation of ivory (whether raw or vanity) in and to the state of Hawaii.

It is with great pride and much aloha that I support this effort by the HSUS to ban the ivory trade in the Aloha State, unfortunately a "top" ivory market in the USA, possibly next only to New York and perhaps ahead of San Francisco.

A compassionate, progressive and dynamic state, a state of by and for the people, I am confident the Aloha state will do the right thing by Earth's last elephants, the people of the continent of Africa, the people of the world and the people of Hawaii.

I write on behalf of all victims, human and animal alike, of the horrific poaching crisis in Africa. Poaching sponsors terrorism, kills 35,000+ elephants each year, 100 a day and an astounding 1 every fifteen minutes; The elephant, a keystone species and Earth's grandest terrestrial herbivore is slated for extinction in the wilds of Africa within 10 years. Amongst the human victims of poaching are the 1000+ rangers who were murdered in the line of duty in the past 10 years alone.

I also humbly ask that you support vigorous prosecution of those who engage in activities that sponsor, promote and escalate poaching; to this end, I recommend that the state of Hawaii furnish its law enforcement personnel with the resources required to expose, mitigate and end the trade in ivory within Hawaii; It is well established that the killing of wild animals and the sale of their body parts is funding terrorism - which includes the recent Westgate mall attack and the killing of innocent human victims in Nairobi, Kenya. As global citizens, as the gateway to the east, the Aloha state and USA must take on a strong and unequivocal leadership role to end the ivory trade immediately.

I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,

Bill White

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From: Victoria White <victoriatea@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 9:14 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: END IVORY TRADE! SUPPORT HB2183!

Dear Sirs,

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
Victoria White
California, USA

It's never too late to be who you might have been. - GEORGE ELIOT

ward2-Robin

From: Janet Williams <janet.williams20@btinternet.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 1:25 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Ivory trade

Please vote to ban the sale of ivory in Hawaii. It really will make a difference. We must all fight against the poaching which is threatening the survival of one of the most majestic animals on earth.

Many thanks,

Janet, London

Sent from my iPhone

ward2-Robin

From: Sue Wright <suecatz2@yahoo.co.uk>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 10:35 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: HB2183

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
Sue Wright
Tonbridge, Kent
UK

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From: Erika Yost <yosterika@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 3:47 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Cc: Shawn Ashwini Kumar
Subject: END IVORY TRADE! SUPPORT HB2183!

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
Erika Yost
Denver, Colorado

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Erika Yost Kumar
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For Greed All Nature is Too Little.
— Seneca

ward2-Robin

From: Marjorie Ziegler <mz@conservehi.org>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 1:25 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please SUPPORT HB 2183 to Protect Elephants

Aloha. I support HB 2183. Elephant poaching is wasteful and cruel, and elephants' decline is tragic. Let us not contribute to this irreversible loss. Mahalo nui loa.

Marjorie Ziegler
Conservation Council for Hawai'i

- Hawaii is the 2nd largest retailer of ivory in the nation. We may only save the elephant by prohibiting the sale of their parts-- IVORY, which is what drives the massacre of these highly intelligent and sentient animals.
- Tens of thousands of elephants are poached ever year for their tusks (teeth). Scientists estimate that the African Elephant may be extinct in as few as 20 years due to current rate of killing.
- Current federal laws are inadequate and contain many loopholes. By passing this law, Hawaii has the chance to be a GLOBAL leader in elephant conservation!

ward2-Robin

From: Jasmin Argyrou <jasminargyrou@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 10:59 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please support HB2183

I am writing to ask you to support HB2183. I am from Australia and I support this bill and the important role it will play in the protection of elephants if it is enacted.

I believe it is critical that we demonstrate real support and meaningful action to protect the elephants that we share this earth with. This bill does that.

If you enact this bill you are playing an immensely important role in history to protect one of earth's most majestic and beautiful animals. The world will remember and be grateful to you if you support HB2183.

Yours sincerely,

Jasmin Argyrou

ward2-Robin

From: Mikela Doersam <mikela_wilsoelectric@shaw.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 8:52 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: support HB2183

Hi,

Re: protection of wildlife in particular the elephant

Please pass and support the HB2183 bill, letting you know that you have the support of people across the USA and around the world. All of us who can step up to stop the slaughter of elephants for their tusks will play an important role in the protection of elephants by enacting on this bill.

For every tusk, means a dead elephant. The elephant tusk should be illegal to sell or distribute for profit. Elephants are important to our eco-system. Tourism would play a better role by providing education and awareness as to why elephants play an important role.

Elephants cannot speak and need people to be their VOICE, elephants are magnificent creatures, and they need our support to help save them in this war against elephants and the ivory trade.

It is wrong to kill all mankind and animal life.

Mikela Doersam

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From: Anne English <anne.w.english@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 8:40 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Please support HB2183

Aloha Economic Development & Business Committee Members,

PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183!

I urge this committee to help put an end to the ivory trade in Hawaii by banning the importation and sale of ivory in the state. Hawaii is the second largest retailer of ivory in the United States. Ivory is primarily the result of poaching - the unmitigated and relentless poaching of African elephants.

Poaching kills 35,000+ elephants each year, 100 a day, and an astounding 1 every fifteen minutes. The elephant, a keystone species and Earth's grandest terrestrial herbivore is slated for extinction in the wilds of Africa within 10 years. **Among the human victims of poaching are the 1,000+ rangers who were murdered in the line of duty in the past 10 years alone.**

It is well established that the killing of critically endangered wild animals and the sale of their body parts is funding terrorism - which includes the recent Westgate mall killings in Nairobi, Kenya.

Please protect the lives of these magnificent creatures by taking a strong and unequivocal leadership role to end the ivory trade in Hawaii immediately. Please save these creatures so our children and their children can experience their magnificence! This is absolutely crucial for our Islands!

Thank you for taking these comments into consideration on this most critical issue.

Anne English
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ward2-Robin

From: Samantha Goodwin <info@eyedesign.co.ke>
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 12:51 AM
To: reptsuji@capitol.hawaii.go; edbtestimony
Cc: Rep. Karl Rhoads; Rep. Gene Ward
Subject: Ban on ivory trade

Hawaii, as the 2nd largest retailer of ivory in the nation, has the chance to protect elephants from their continued massacre for the blood ivory trade. I ask you to please SUPPORT HB2183. This is a global crisis and Hawaii can take the national lead in protecting elephants!

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 8:28 AM
To: edbtestimony
Cc: kjhelg@hawaii.edu
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB2183 on Feb 4, 2014 08:30AM

HB2183

Submitted on: 2/4/2014

Testimony for EDB on Feb 4, 2014 08:30AM in Conference Room 312

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kirsten Helgeson	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Elephants are dying partly due to under-regulation of the ivory trade. With Hawai'i being a major retailer of ivory, we have an opportunity to make a difference. Please ban ivory sales so we can set a good example by not participating in this violent industry.

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From: Claudia Herfurt <claudia@kauaistyle.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 8:17 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183

Aloha Economic Development & Business Committee Members,
PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183.

I urge this committee to help put an end to the ivory trade in Hawaii by banning the importation and sale of ivory in the state. Hawaii is the second largest retailer of ivory in the United States.

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It is well established that the killing of critically endangered wild animals and the sale of their body parts is funding terrorism - which includes the recent Westgate mall killings in Nairobi, Kenya.

Please protect the lives of these magnificent creatures by taking a strong and unequivocal leadership role to end the ivory trade in Hawaii immediately.

Thank you for taking these comments into consideration on this most critical issue.

Claudia Herfurt
808 826 6405

ward2-Robin

From: Ines Geraldine Hoffmann <greengeraldine@web.de>
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 7:13 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT EW HB2183 and SB2024 to prohibit any person to import, sell, offer for sell or possess with intent to sell any ivory product in Hawaii.

Dear members of the Hawaiian Government,

I'm very worried by the brutal poaching of elephants in Africa because if it will go on this way it can soon lead to the extinction of elephants!

The U.S. is considered the world's second-largest market for ivory.

Also the U.S. and other countries have legal ivory markets that allow for the laundering of illegal ivory, and these loopholes need to be closed.

Please support EW HB2183 and SB2024 to prohibit any person to import, sell, offer for sell or possess with intent to sell any ivory product in Hawaii.

This would set a good example and will encourage other states and countries to do the same.

Please send out a strong signal to ivory consumers that buying ivory is immoral and wrong!

This decision will also send out a clear message to poachers and traders of illegal ivory and to criminal groups that their illegal actions will not be tolerated by your government.

Hawaii can help the magnificent elephants to survive! Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

Ines Hoffmann
from Germany

sources:

How to end ivory poaching - L.A. Times:

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China crushes ivory, but must do more to fight wildlife crime - Scientific American:

<http://blogs.scientificamerican.com/observations/2014/01/06/china-crushes-ivory-but-must-do-more-to-fight-wildlife-crime/>

ward2-Robin

From: Fithian Jones <fith4th@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 8:10 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183.

thank you,

Fithian Jones
Kapaa, Hawaii 96746

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From: John Lewis <JLewis@nancyglassproductions.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 3:15 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads; annlewis509@yahoo.com
Cc: annlewis509@yahoo.com
Subject: SUPPORT HB 2183 - END THE IVORY TRADE!

Dear Committee Members,

Please support HB 2183 to BAN ivory sales in Hawaii.

There is an elephant poaching emergency going on in Africa and Asia, a full-on crisis, with 35,000 killed for their tusks last year alone. 1 elephant is killed every 15 minutes. The fact that "old", or pre-1989 ban ivory is still allowed to be bought and sold is what is wiping out this species. It is too difficult and expensive to tell the difference between old ivory and new ivory. This loophole will cause the extinction of elephants by 2025-a species that has walked the earth for millions of years!

Please, be the leader in the global movement to ban ivory-others will surely follow, and elephants can be saved.

Thanks so much for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,
Ann Lewis

John Lewis
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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 7:36 AM
To: edbtestimony
Cc: Alapaki-Judd@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB2183 on Feb 4, 2014 08:30AM

HB2183

Submitted on: 2/4/2014

Testimony for EDB on Feb 4, 2014 08:30AM in Conference Room 312

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patrick J. Moore	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please help stop the killing of elephants. This HB2183 looks like a good idea to me.
Mahalo, Patrick J. Moore Nuuanu

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From: Lindsay Morgan <lindsay_scooby@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 4:34 AM
Subject: *****SPAM***** END IVORY TRADE! SUPPORT HB2183!

Dear Sirs,

Greetings! I hope this finds you well. I have relatives who are from Hawaii and visit there annually.

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I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
Lindsay Morgan
California, USA

ward2-Robin

From: Hob Osterlund <hob@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 8:32 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: HB2183 Support

Aloha Economic Development & Business Committee Members,
Mahalo for your good work. I am writing to urge you to SUPPORT HB2183.

PLEASE put an end to the ivory trade in Hawaii by banning the importation and sale of ivory in the state. Hawaii is the second largest retailer of ivory in the United States.

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Thank you for taking these comments into consideration on this most critical issue.

Hob Osterlund
Princeville, HI
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ward2-Robin

From: Sylvia Partridge <sylpartridge@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 9:59 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please support HB2183 in regard to saving elephants on our planet

From: Sylvia Partridge, 3800 Kamehameha Rd., # 22, Princeville
HI 96722

Re: HB 2183

I am writing in support of HB2183. This is an opportunity to help end the ivory trade in Hawaii by banning the import and sale of ivory in the state. Such an important step in preserving the existence and life of elephants who are being systematically slaughtered (100 a day) to make tourist trinket and other unnecessary items.

Thank you very much for voting yes.

ward2-Robin

From: Chris Queen <billchrisq@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 8:30 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: HB2183---Ivory

Aloha,

Please pass the bill banning trade in ivory in Hawai'i. I thought there was a federal law in place banning the importation of ivory that has been in effect for decades. It was a shock to read this morning that Hawai'i still allows trading in ivory. I'm sure you'll do what is morally and ecologically right and pass this bill quickly.

Mahalo,
William & Christine Queen
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ward2-Robin

From: Alix Sabin <alixsabin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 8:26 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183!

Dear Sirs,

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I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly.

Alix Sabin

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ward2-Robin

From: Julia Saenz <julhay@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 11:32 PM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Please support HB2183

Dears Sirs,

I am writing to ask you to support HB2183, I am from Australia and I support this bill and the important role it will play in the protection of the beautiful elephants if it is enacted.

If you enact this bill you are playing an immensely important role in history to protect one of earth's most majestic and intelligent animal, the world will remember and be grateful to you if you support this bill.

Julia Saenz
Sent from my iPad

ward2-Robin

From: Lori Sirianni <lorisirianni@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 12:50 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Please support HB2183 and end the ivory trade in Hawaii

Dear Sirs,

Like many Americans, I hope to visit the beautiful state of Hawaii, but I want to visit an ivory-free Hawaii and visit knowing that I will not see blood ivory in any stores or shops I patronize. As a New York State resident working to also ban the sale of all ivory in my home state, I urge you to please support HB2183.

Ivory is primarily the outcome of poaching. The immeasurable suffering of gunshots, snares, and poisoned arrows that can take weeks to slowly kill elephants through excruciating pain and suffering, decimating entire herds and leaving orphaned baby elephants to die. It is well established that poaching also sponsors terrorism. I am urging your committee to encourage enforcing an end to the trade and importation of ivory (whether raw or vanity) in and to the state of Hawaii.

I wholeheartedly support the effort by the Humane Society of the United States to end the ivory trade in the Aloha State, unfortunately a top ivory market in the USA, possibly next only to New York and perhaps ahead of San Francisco. President Obama issued an Executive Order on July 2, 2013 establishing means to end the ivory trade and reduce poaching and its related terrorist activities. I urge you to please learn the facts regarding the poaching crisis and ivory trade. Any legal ivory trade (which is currently permitted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) of "pre-ban" or "pre-convention" so-called antique ivory, as well as new raw elephant imported by trophy hunters, is a cover and conduit for the massive illegal trade. The only solution is to completely ban all ivory trade.

I write on behalf of all victims, human and animal alike, of the horrific poaching crisis in Africa. Poaching sponsors terrorism, kills 35,000+ elephants each year, 100 a day and an astounding 1 every fifteen minutes. The elephant, a keystone species and Earth's grandest terrestrial land mammal, is slated for extinction in the wilds of Africa within 10 years. Amongst the human victims of poaching are the 1000+ African rangers who were murdered in the line of duty in the past 10 years alone.

It is also well established that the killing of critically endangered wild animals and the sale of their body parts is funding terrorism - which includes the Westgate mall attack and the killing of innocent human victims in Nairobi, Kenya in September. Wildlife tourism also provides 12% of the GDP of African nations, providing a livelihood to thousands of people. If the elephants are all killed off, their vital tourism industry will die along with them. What hope will Africa have, without their forests and savannas that the elephants grow and maintain, or the tourism jobs and dollars the elephants bring for the struggling people in Africa?

I respectfully and humbly ask you to do the right thing by Earth's last elephants, the people of the continent of Africa, the people of the world and the people of Hawaii.

As global citizens, as the gateway to the east, the Aloha state and the USA must take on a strong and unequivocal leadership role to end the ivory trade immediately.

I thank you for your time and efforts and thank the HSUS for its initiative on this most critical issue.

Sincerely,

Lori Sirianni
Buffalo, NY

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From: Joanne <joanne_ibbitson@btinternet.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 11:38 PM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Ivory Ban - HB2183

Importance: High

Dear Sirs,

Greetings! I hope this finds you well.

PLEASE SUPPORT HB2183! Ivory is (primarily) the outcome of poaching. The unmitigated and relentless poaching of African elephants. It is well established that poaching also sponsors terrorism. I am urging your committee to encourage enforcing an end to the trade and importation of ivory whether raw or vanity in and to the state of Hawaii.

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A compassionate, progressive and dynamic state, a state of by and for the people, I am confident the Aloha state will do the right thing by Earth's last elephants, the people of the continent of Africa, the people of the world and the people of Hawaii.

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Best wishes

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From: Amirali Sokwala <sokwala43@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 4:33 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: support an END to the ivory trade through supporting HB2183

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Be well and Mahalo nui loa.

Warmly,
Amir Sokwala
Scarborough On Canada

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From: Susan Stayton <susan.stayton@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 8:54 AM
To: edbtestimony
Subject: Support Bill SB2183

Legislators,

I respectfully request you support this bill to help end the horrible bloody ivory trade. By banning the import, sale, offer to sell, or possession of ivory we can let people know it is not alright to slaughter these magnificent animals to take their tusks.

Regards,
Susan

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"The true sign of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination." Albert Einstein - Physicist (1879 - 1955)

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From: Sean Venkersammy <danceorganic@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 8:19 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: Hello

Hawaii is the 2nd largest retailer of ivory in the United States. It has the chance to protect elephants from their continued massacre for the blood ivory trade. I urge you to please SUPPORT HB2183. This is a global crisis and Hawaii can take the national lead in protecting elephants!

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From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 9:16 AM
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Subject: *Submitted testimony for HB2183 on Feb 4, 2014 08:30AM*

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From: Sally Woodcock <salmwood@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 1:18 AM
To: edbtestimony; Rep. Clifton K. Tsuji; Rep. Gene Ward; Rep. Karl Rhoads
Subject: SAVE THE ELEPHANT

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THANK YOU

Sally Woodcock