Dear [Name],

Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 2999, the Elephant Protection Act. I appreciated your taking the time to write.

As you know, H.R. 2999 prohibits the import, export, and sale of elephant products by any person subject to U.S. jurisdiction. The measure also directs the President to propose to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species that all trade in elephant products be suspended until accurate data demonstrate the stability of healthy elephant populations.

H.R. 2999 is pending in the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Conservation, and the Environment, with no action scheduled. As I am a member of the United States Senate, I would not be involved in its initial review of the bill. Should H.R. 2999 or similar legislation be considered on the Senate floor, however, I will certainly take your position into account.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

BOB DOLE
United States Senate
Senator Bob Dole
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator Dole:

Please support HR 2999, The Elephant Protection Act, to ban import of ivory into this country. Please reject amendments to tax ivory since this would seem to make the ivory trade legitimate and may even stimulate the killing of more elephants.

Thank you for considering this matter.

Manhattan, KS 66502