

To: House Committee on Judiciary
From: William(Tim)Wassman House District 4
5-15-2015
RE: Testimony in opposition of Senate Bill 913

Chair Barker, Members of the Committee, for the record my name is William(Tim)Wassman and I live in Broadbent Oregon

My wife and I have been carving fossil Ivory for over 3 decades. In that time, it has been our privilege, and duty, to educate the people who come into contact with our work, the importance of recognizing that mammoths are extinct, and elephants are endangered. Bill 913 suggest that these ivories can not be distinguished from one another. With only a small amount of information/education, this idea is false.

30 years of teaching, from 3rd graders, to Legislators, from CEO's to the average interested person, that the history and beauty of this material from an extinct species, is, the great alternative to elephant Ivory.

Donna and I understand the need to protect our endangered wildlife, the rhino, tiger, elephant, and fully support this bill to that extent. Why mammoth ivory? Not all information you have received on banning mammoth ivory may be relevant or true. We have done it right, we have done it legally, and to vote for this bill will in no way change the amount of elephants slaughtered, as China & Korea are the great importers of this illegal Ivory.

Please don't take the common sense out, while deciding the fate of many Oregonians, who pay taxes on this Legal form of trade.

Thank you for your time

Tim Wassman