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The President of the United States

The White House

Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

What extraordinary measures would any American government take to save an ethnic population that had suffered an 86% decimation by violent enemies over a 20 year period? We cannot afford to be any less "humanitarian" toward elephants in their fight for survival. '

I believe that the vast majority of Americans understand that it is imperative for human survival that we maintain an ecological balance in the world. The elephant, along with many other species, has been decimated so severely in this century that the natural balance is compromised beyond natural recovery. It can only be by extraordinary international efforts that we may nurture endangered species back to healthy populations. Humans must become more effective in restoring and maintaining the symbiotic relationship upon which our existence depends.

There is no reasonable justification for short-term political and economic pragmatic decisions regarding protecting endangered species, especially the elephant, which is the ecological flagship of the world. Humans must not condemn it to the fate of the dinosaur. All hunting of the African Elephant should be effectively prohibited. As a citizen of the world as well as of the United States, and as a constituent, I urge you Mr. President, to use your power to continue the protection of the African Elephant as an Appendix I species.

Yours for world survival,

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cc: Mr. John F. Turner, Director of Fed. Fish & Wildlife Sec.

Mr. Steven Goldstein, Dept. of the Interior

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species

Wildlife Conservation Magazine, NY Zoological Society.

African Wildlife Foundation

Wildlife Conservation International

Senator Patrick Moynihan

Congressman Bill Green

Contrressman Ted Weiss