

Hello, My name is Emma Yardley. I am nine years old and I am very honored to be here today. I learned about extinction through my sister Taegen. She makes movies about endangered species.

Can you imagine if you grew up in a world without amazing creatures like elephants, rhinos, giraffes, tigers and lions? I do not want to.

The United States does not allow ivory to be imported but only 10% of imported ivory is caught at our borders. Each state must ban the sale of ivory if we want to keep elephants on our planet.

Every extinction of species that occurs affects the survival of other species.

Please add Vermont to the list of states that are protecting these amazing creatures.

Thank you.