

# SINGER GALLERIES

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Marc S. Grimes  
Committee Assistant  
Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing, and General Affairs

RE: WA STATE IVORY BAN

Marc:

As requested, I am sending a little information regarding the effects of the ivory ban in Washington State.

If I remember the details correctly, the WA ban covers all ivory with the exception of antique pieces over 100 years old that contain less than 15% ivory. For example, a musical instrument with inlaid ivory or a silver teapot with ivory insulators.

Items that are banned include antique Chinese carvings, Japanese netsuke, and other antique items that include more than 15%.

As much as I appreciate the attempt to stop poaching and protect the animals, in my opinion, this ban in WA goes too far. Antiques such as Chinese ivory carvings and Japanese netsuke have been collected by many people over the years. While this has not made a tremendous impact on our overall business, it has made those collections virtually worthless.

In my opinion, there should be exemptions for antique pieces that hold artistic, cultural, and market values.

Sincerely,

Maria McCrackin, Manager  
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