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The Hon. Jonathan Wilkinson
Minister of Environment and Climate Change
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON
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Dear Minister Wilkinson,

I recently met with representatives from Elephanatics, an elephant conservation advocacy group led by one of my constituents, and the Humane Society International. Both groups expressed an urgent need to address the elephant ivory trade in Canada to protect elephant populations and stop criminal syndicates from profiting at their expense.

I am told elephants could go extinct during our lifetime, as they are presently being poached at rates much higher than their birth rate. We cannot control what goes on in the countries where the poaching occurs. But we can have a positive impact on elephant conservation by amending Canadian regulations.

That is why I hope you will consider the requests made by Elephanatics:

1. ban the import and export of all elephant ivory products; and
2. ban the sale of all elephant ivory products within Canada's borders.

Additionally, I would like to bring your attention to the Ivory-Free Canada Coalition's petition. It similarly asks for bans on the domestic trade and import and export of elephant ivory in Canada. As of the date of this letter, the petition has 614,400 signatures.

Let's do our part to protect the world's elephant population and stop criminal syndicates from profiting from the sale of elephant ivory. Several of Canada's trading partners have taken action. It is time we consider doing the same.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kerry-Lynne D. Findlay". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

The Honourable Kerry-Lynne D. Findlay, P.C., Q.C.
Member of Parliament for South Surrey—White Rock

CC: Hon. Mary Ng, Minister of Small Business, Export Promotion and International Trade
Hon. Bill Blair, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness