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OF
HUMANE VOTERS®
OF NEW YORK**

POLITICAL ACTION FOR ANIMALS

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**MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT FOR A4010/S1883
“CECIL’S LAW” WOULD BAN THE IMPORTATION,
TRANSPORTATION, AND POSSESSION OF THE “BIG FIVE AFRICAN
SPECIES”**

The continued importation, possession, sale and/or transportation of the so-called "Big Five African Species"- lions, leopards, elephants, black rhinos and white rhinos-is detrimental to the survival of these species.

There is scientific evidence that the legal trade of trophy-hunted species perpetuates and reinforces illegal hunting and trafficking of these animals. Even apart from illegal trade, many legal hunting permits and body parts are purchased by Americans. Per the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS),

1.2 million animals were legally killed by American hunters and sent to the U.S. as trophies over the last 15 years. In 2015 alone, 405 lion trophies, 67 elephant trophies, and 217 leopard trophies were imported into the U.S. from Africa. It is imperative that we ban the importation, sale, or transportation of any of these animals in the U.S., starting in New York State.



Only a complete ban can stem the tide of illegal trafficking caused by the legalization of hunting and capture of the Big Five African Species in some African countries.

**THE LEAGUE OF HUMANE VOTERS® OF NEW YORK STRONGLY
SUPPORTS THIS BILL.**

Continued below...

Sincerely,



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