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Dear President Zuma,

My name is Naseem Amini and I have recently become an OMG board member. I would like to talk to you about the rhino poaching situation. I think that you should make it illegal to kill rhinos. A lot of people in China believe that rhino horns have medicinal value. The truth is that a rhino horn is made of the same basic things as hair and finger nails. Rhinos are dying for nothing! Also, when the poachers start hacking the horns off, sometimes the rhino's baby tries to help its mother. Do you know what poachers do? They kill the baby because they think that it gets in the way.

At the rate that rhinos are dying now, they will become extinct in our lifetime! Once the rhinos are gone, poachers will start killing other animals such as elephants and lions. This will strongly effect how many tourists come to South Africa. I have never been to South Africa, but I always wanted to go see animals such as the rhino in their natural habitats. I wouldn't want to come as much if they all disappear.

I hope that you will help save the rhinos. It will mean a lot to me, as well as the animals in the rhino's habitat. Please consider banning poaching.

Thank you,
Naseem Amini

