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Dear President Zuma,

My name is Neda Amini and I want to tell you about why rhinos really need their horn to survive. Rhinos use their horns to do things like mix dirt and water together for a mud bath which cools them down, fight of other animals that might hurt their babies, lift their babies when they are born so they can breath, and it is very painful to have their horns hacked off. When rhinos have their horns chopped off, it's like a human having their arms chopped off. I can't imagine myself without arms, can you? I think it would be very painful if a poacher cut *my* arm off. Also poachers tranquilize rhinos which could kill them if it happens to rhinos too much. When I go on the computer and search rhino pictures without horns it makes me sad to see all the blood and hornless rhinos. If poachers continue to kill rhinos, then they will be extinct in our lifetime! I want my children and grandchildren to be able to see rhinos, but that won't be possible if there aren't any left. I think that you should ban rhino poaching in South Africa.

Thank you,
Neda Amini

