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Dear President Zuma,

My name is Alessandro Gueli and my passion in life is wildlife. Everyday I hear of another rhino being poached for its horn. As I write this letter a rhino is being killed, harmed or taken away from its loving family, which upsets me tremendously!

I have been lucky enough to see a fair amount of rhinos in the wild, but will my grandchildren, or even my children be able to say the same? The Asian people are the biggest buyers of rhino horn, this is because they believe it has special medicinal value... this theory is utterly and completely WRONG!!

How many more rhinos have to be killed before the Asian people see that this a pointless task and when will the government do something about it? I would suggest that the government should be stricter on rhino poachers and ban the trade of rhino horns. Another solution to resolve this problem would be to put poison on the rhino horn so that when the Asian people use this "medicine" they will get exactly what they deserve for killing these beautiful animals!

The government could even go to Asia and create awareness groups and educate them on the truth! I would not only like rhino poaching to stop put the poaching of all animals in S.A. like cheetahs, wild dogs, lions and elephants. Imagine there being a Big 4 instead of Big 5! We have to do something about this serious problem, and fast because before we know it they will all be gone!!

Alessandro Gueli, Age 13.

(via email)