## Dear President Zuma,



My name is Leila Silva, I'm 48, I am Brazilian and I live in Brazil too. I'm sure you've had to have received thousands or millions of letters, calling for an end to the killing rhinos in their country and I'm sure you felt touched by each one.

I'm sure you fully aware that their country is made of very strong and vigorous. People who were able to fight and win a very dark period as was the Aparthaeid, all at the expense of much suffering, where thousands of lives were decimated. Despite all this pain and suffering, these people who were victims of all these atrocities, in one form or another, have voice, which were heard through the press, and spoken in many ways, with more or less effort, but somehow, they ended up being heard.

Our brothers, rhinos, has no voice to speak. Their voices can only be heard, not by the words they can not pronounce, but the cries of pain that they can sometimes emit when they are being decimated.

Mr. President, the worst of all violence, is one that is committed against those who can not defend themselves. I'm pretty sure you can understand that and also to identify with this concept. These creatures of God, rhinos, are part of the divine work, as are we. We are not better than them at anything. On the scale of evolution, we are just different. All of us deserve respect. Do not allow this cowardly remains committed in your territory, at the door of your house.

Only those who have experienced violence at close range, is able to truly empathize with their victims. Do not let this keep happening COWARDICE with the killing of rhinos. We must, as human beings, inhabitants of the same planetary home, we do the best, for life to continue to be perpetuated and respected. Use the power is in your hands, to leave future generations a legacy best: RESPECT ALL SPECIES OF NATURE. Nothing can justify such violence.

I hope and pray that you can take steps to end finally with this monstrosity. Thanks on behalf of rhino, and all the species that make part of our ecosystem greater. Thank you on behalf of NATURE.

My deep respect and consideration

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