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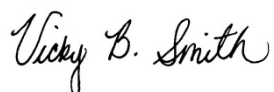
Dear President Zuma,

I am writing you today to voice my concern over the poaching of rhinos. I am an environmental educator who runs my own business as well a summer camp director and I teach a variety of subjects about our world's natural resources. I am involved with and concern about many conservations issues. And the plight of the rhino is one of those concerns.

I know for many years there have been sales of rhino horns to other countries for medical purposes; however, we now know that there is no real medical value in the horn. These beautiful animals should not be sacrificed for human greed. Please enforce the laws that are in place and save these animals. South Africa should be a leader in this endeavor. I know OMG is involved with SPOTS to help increase awareness of this issue. OMG founder, Olivia and Carter Ries along with their Dad, Jim, and friends Naseen and Neda, spoke with my camp class today and taught them many important things about the rhino's horn. It is through education programs such as these that the plight of the rhino will be showcased worldwide.

Please save the rhinos---they are a valuable part of South Africa's eco-tourism business I am sure. I would one day like to visit your country and be able to see them in their natural habitat.

Sincerely,



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