

**SUPPORT FOR NY STATE SENATOR HOYLMAN'S BILL  
TO BAN TRANSPORT OF GAME TROPHIES  
OF THREATENED OR ENDANGERED SPECIES  
THROUGH PORT AUTHORITY CONTROLLED AIRPORTS**

NY Senate Bill SO6072  
NY Assembly Bill AO8394

Species on the verge of extinction are escalating. While great efforts are being made in the wild to help these species, efforts are woefully deficient and are not winning the battle.

Wildlife trafficking is a means of funding for terrorist organizations. Cutting off this funding source is a national security issue and acknowledged by the U.S. Government.

We in NY State can be a part of the solution to this worldwide problem by banning these species being transported through our airports.

We support NY State Senator Hoylman's bill to ban transport of threatened or endangered species through Port Authority controlled airports. We also commend New Jersey's Assemblyman Tim Eustace for sponsoring a similar bill in his state. The Port Authority controls airports in NY and NJ.

Besides airports, ports should be included.

We request that protected marine animals and fish, particularly sharks, be added to this bill or through a separate bill.

While NY State has banned the sale of shark fins, even transporting them through New York points of entry to another destination should be included, if not already addressed in legislation.

100,000,000 sharks are killed annually for their fins and the extremely rapid depletion of sharks is a crisis. The mass killing of sharks severely affects the marine ecosystem and the food chain. 97% of the tiger population have been lost in the last 50 years. These examples indicate the disruption to our ecosystems and the dramatic collapse of populations.

We support efforts made by our legislators to ban transport of threatened and endangered species through NY points of entry as a matter of national security and to stop the extinction of these species.

**Resolution  
Downtown Independent Democrats**

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