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### **Call To Action: SB1477 Ban Bill**

There is a Joint Legislative Study that is once again discussing whether SB1477 (the Exotic Animal Ban written by the notorious 'Animal Liberation' group known as API/Born Free USA) will be reintroduced in the short legislative session of 2008.

In 2007 SB1477 was assigned to the Judiciary II Committee where a motion to kill the bill was made. The Chair of the committee decided to put it in front of a sub-committee chaired by Senator Ed Jones for further review. The sub-committee voted 3-1 to kill the bill, but Senator Jones as Chair was allowed a parliamentary procedure where he pulled the bill off the table and pocketed it for possible review in 2008.

It is now being studied once again. Public comment is being taken until Thursday, 3/13. NOW IS THE TIME to make your voice heard by this committee. They seem to be sympathetic to our cause so please be polite and articulate in your comments.

Here is a sample letter:

(Senator/ Representative \*NAME\*),

Thank you for removing most reptiles from SB1477. The entire reptile community of NC has worked for several years studying this issue. It is the consensus opinion of state agency biologists, NC Zoo Herpetologist, university academics and the private sector that ALL reptiles should be addressed through the framework written by NC Association of Reptile Keepers (NCARK) and endorsed by the NC Partners in Amphibian & Reptile Conservation (NCPARC). That framework is represented by the rewrite of Article 55 of NC Criminal Statutes addressing the regulation of reptiles. Please respect the professionals whose jobs are to advise the State in these matters.

Please remove ALL reptiles from SB1477. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
(YOUR NAME)

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