



## Public Comment Extended on SB1477 Ban Bill

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THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT... we need many more to make public comment!!!

The Joint Legislative Study is still 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. Most reptiles have been removed, but we want ALL reptiles removed.

Public comment is being extended. 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. Thank them for removing most reptiles and ask that they remove all reptiles.

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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