**GET POLITICAL WITH ELEPHANT ISSUES**

Find out if it’s legal to buy and sell ivory in your state, and if it is, start a movement to outlaw that. Currently it’s not legal in California, New Jersey, New York, Hawaii, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington State. Ivory ban legislation is being considered in Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Massachusetts. Join with like-minded elephant lovers where you live to introduce or support legislation to outlaw ivory sales and help push this legislation through!

On the world stage, France announced an ivory ban in August of 2016, and in June of 2017 Hong Kong launched a bill that would ban the import and export of worked and raw ivory by 2021. Over in the UK, the foreign secretary Boris Johnson recently reaffirmed an early call for an all-out ban on ivory sales there.

Of course, the big news is that China will phase out its legal trade by the end of 2017!

Find out what’s happening with ivory sales in your state and country and make a move to stop all of it.

If you frequent zoos or circuses, find out who the key echelon of staff members are and write to them, asking that they retire the elephants from performing and allow them to live in an elephant sanctuary with other elephants.

If you visit an elephant tourism camp, ensure that the elephants are not ridden, and if they are, write a letter to or call the head of the establishment protesting this practice. Many elephants at these “eco-tourism” camps are forced to carry tourists on their backs in wooden or metal box/chairs called “howdahs.” Often the howdahs are over-weighted with four or more people riding in one howdah. Over 150 kilograms (330 pounds) of weight on an elephant’s back puts enormous stress on the elephant and creates painful open sores and abscesses on the elephant’s skin.

Many of these elephants suffer or die from dehydration, lack of adequate food, and exhaustion when being overworked in the tourist trade. Advocate for humane elephant eco-tourism where elephants are treated with respect and dignity—and not overworked for tourist entertainment.

**Learn how to #BeElephantEthical. Join the #BEE campaign for #WorldElephantDay2017.**