



Urgent - Call to action

The California Senate is going to vote on Senate Bill 716 as early as this week. If our elephants have touched your life then please take action now.

This bill will ban the elephant guide which is a necessary tool for working with elephants when giving rides, educational shows, movie work and when ever we are in the public. If passed, it would be illegal to give the elephants the best possible care. We know what is best for our elephants and how to properly care for them, not the groups that have brought this bill forward. Please call or write your senator and ask them to OPPOSE SB 716 and that you want elephants to be a part of your life.

California SB 716 Letter Writing Tips and Sample Talking Points

- Write that you are opposed to SB 716 in the subject of the email/letter as well as in the first line.
- Include your name and address, otherwise your letter will not be accepted.
- Lead off with your own personal story, experience, or connection with this bill.
- Elephant guides are often misunderstood tools. To see how they are used please view: <https://vimeo.com/127384751>

Conservation:

- Elephant guides enable outreach, having positive effects for elephants globally: One elephant can teach thousands about not buying ivory.
- Elephant guides have allowed us to make major advances in elephant knowledge, husbandry, and medical care.
- Artificial insemination and breeding have been most successful in free contact programs, using the guide.

Standard of Care:

- Guides allow for safe and stress-free medical care for both the elephant and the veterinarians.
- AVMA, EMA, CVMA, ZAA, AZA, and IEF all recognize it as the accepted husbandry tool for elephants.
- Many advancements in elephant care would never have been made if not for the guide: artificial insemination, diagnostic tests and dosing guidelines for elephant illnesses, orthotics, and treatments for EEHV.
- This is unnecessary legislation as elephant care and welfare is already highly regulated on the federal, state, and local levels.

Future of Elephants:

If SB 716 passes, at current birth/death rates no zoo in California will have elephants in 10-15 years except for San Diego.