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I was shocked to learn from PETA that three aging elephants, Peaches, Tatima, and Wankie, from San Diego's Wild Animal Park were relocated to Lincoln Park Zoo last year, where they just weathered their first winter in one of the coldest cities in the country.

In San Diego, these elephants enjoyed warm temperatures year round. Now, they are confined in a small indoor area for many months out of the year when the temperature drops below comfort level. I hear that one elephant seems to be in great pain from a leg injury she suffered at your zoo and that all three elephants arrived with physical problems that will only worsen if they remain at Lincoln Park Zoo's cold, cramped facility.

Please make the humane decision to retire these gals to The Elephant Sanctuary's warmer climate in Hohenwald, Tennessee, where they will have tons of space to roam around and be elephants. They like to take long walks every day. They enjoy foraging, exploring, playing in ponds, dusting themselves, and socializing with other members of their herd. At the sanctuary, they could rest, recuperate, and live the rest of their days in peace and dignity with other African elephants. PETA has offered to pay for transportation costs.

I hope you share my deep desire for these elephants to spend their golden years in the best possible environment. I look forward to your reply. You can reach me through PETA's Michael McGraw at 212-627-7086.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peaches".

Peaches