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Charles Vanneste, CEO
Summer Wind Farms Sanctuary

Re Compassionate Treatment of Animals

Dear Mr. Vanneste,

I'm writing to you today as a proud native of Michigan to ask that you make the compassionate decision to retire all animals at Summer Wind Farms to reputable sanctuaries. Informed by scientific research and campaigns by organizations such as PETA, Americans are increasingly troubled by the idea of confining animals for entertainment—and industry giants have been responding. SeaWorld ended its orca-breeding program, Ringling Bros. circus phased elephants out of its shows, and the National Aquarium is sending the dolphins it now holds captive to a seaside sanctuary.

The animals at SWF have complex needs that simply can't be met at your facility or any other roadside zoo, but you now have an opportunity to give something back to the animals who provided you with revenue for so many years. Please retire these animals to reputable sanctuaries, where they can enjoy expansive enclosures and top-quality veterinary care. In doing so, SWF would be making the powerful statement that animals are not meant to be put on exhibit for human amusement. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,



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