

April 7, 2010

Committee Secretary  
Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs  
PO Box 6100  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600  
Australia

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to voice my support for "Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling – Palm Oil) Bill 2009". As a frequent traveller to Southeast Asia, including Sumatra, I have been quite concerned about the amount of habitat loss I have observed. It concerns me that the food I eat might be contributing to habitat loss.

Labelling palm oil as "vegetable oil" impedes my ability to be a conscious consumer. Australian Canola Oil and Indonesian Palm Oil are very different products, the latter often having a terrible impact on delicate forest habitat. I would very much appreciate being able to choose exactly where my food comes from.

Sincerely,

Curtis Malasky