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Community Affairs Office

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Truth in Labelling Palm Oil Bill

I believe that palm oil should be labeled in any product that contains it. Consumers have a right to know what is in the products they buy especially if it is impacting the environment. The reason I believe that palm oil should be labeled is because it is found in about 40 percent of the food products on our shelves and its causing the orangutans habitats to be destroyed.

Palm oil is paying for the lives of innocent animals. Many animal species are having their habitats destroyed and are becoming endangered. The population of Orangutans is decreasing marginally because of this. The reason the orangutan population is decreasing is because they live in the rain forests, which is where palm oil is found.

In South East Asia, the equivalent of 300 football fields are deforested every hour for the production of palm oil. If this many trees are getting deforested every hour, then it wouldn't be helping with Carbon emissions. With green house gases rising higher each day, we need more and more forests and trees to absorb the Co2 emissions.

For these reasons, I believe that Palm Oil Should be labeled on food and non-food products. I think that it is great how the zoo has started the campaign; "Don't Palm Us Off" and I think that it is really successful with so many signatures already. Hopefully in the future animals habitats and rain forests containing palm oil trees will be strong and surviving without much human interference.

Yours sincerely,

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