

# To the honorable Niall Blair,

A muscular gorilla swings through the rainforest trees in search of prey. Wind billows across his face as he reaches top speed, the trees grow fewer as he keeps swinging and suddenly the beautiful forest stops. He flies toward the hard soil of the palm oil farm. Would you like your home and your life to be destroyed? This is the consequence of illegal palm oil farming. Palm oil should be labelled on our everyday items to stop the needless extinction of these magnificent creatures.

Right now palm oil is labeled as "vegetable oil" and we are unaware of what sustainable palm oil farming is and how it is killing amazing ecosystems, plus polluting our earth. It is like eggs. Before people found out that the chickens that gave them their eggs were being confined to small cages they just bought the eggs from their local supermarket without a thought. But once they found what was happening they didn't mind paying a bit more for their everyday eggs. I strongly believe that we would not mind that cost to. It is not really that hard to put a simple label on a product. This will also encourage big palm oil companies to farm the fruit sustainably because most people will buy the sustainable stuff over the unsustainable stuff and that will let the beautiful rainforests that we are very lucky to have freshen up and grow back to their old selves.

Pollution. When huge companies chop down trees to make way for palm oil plants they are burning them and releasing billions of tons of carbon dioxide, In 2015, 62,000 square miles of rain forest were chopped down to make way for palm oil trees. Also, in Indonesia 3 years ago 10,000 miles of forest were torched, making fires so big they could be seen from outer space! Just in 2015 there were 2 billion tons of co2 released into the air because of palm oil farming.

In conclusion I think that if people knew what they were buying and that because of this Sumatran tigers and rhinos were at risk of extinction, they would definitely make a small change in their lives. All these small changes can make a huge impact on the world's palm oil farming.

Kind regards,

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