

## SAMPLE PALM OIL LETTER

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I am very concerned about the use of palm oil because of the serious environmental consequences associated with palm oil plantations in Indonesia and Malaysia. Primary rainforest is being cleared at an alarming rate and is destroying the habitat of highly endangered orangutans and other unique species.

These rainforests play a vital role in the health of our planet. When forests are logged and burned large amounts of greenhouse gases are emitted into the atmosphere contributing to the climate change crisis. Due to deforestation from logging and clearing for palm oil plantations, Indonesia is the third largest emitter of carbon just behind China and the U.S.

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Indonesia is also home to many indigenous tribes with diverse cultures and traditions that are now threatened with losing their rainforest homes.

I am writing to ask you to urge your suppliers to work toward providing only certified sustainable palm oil and until available, to please remove palm oil from your products, using an alternative oil that is less damaging to the environment.

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