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Dear _____,

I am writing to you because I am very concerned about the future of rainforests in Indonesia and Malaysia. I am concerned about the effects of non-sustainable palm oil production on orangutans, wildlife and indigenous people in these countries. At the rate that the rainforest is being cut down, orangutans will be extinct in just a few years. The United States is one of the world's top consumers of palm oil. I believe it is our responsibility to help.

One reason palm oil production is increasing, and demand is becoming unsustainable, is due to the development of bio-fuel. Deforestation increases carbon dioxide in the atmosphere which in turn, contributes to global warming. So bio-fuel produced from palm oil is not a viable "green" solution to the energy crisis.

I have two requests:

- 1) Please support continued funding of USAID grant agreements that protect orangutans and rainforests in Indonesia.
- 2) Please support the EPA's decision not to explore palm oil as a bio fuel option.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



To learn more about the palm oil crisis go to www.cmzoo.org/Conservation/PalmOilCrisis