

Sept 17, 2019

Craig Jelinek
President and CEO
Costco Wholesale Corporation
999 Lake Dr.
Issaquah, WA 98027

Dear Mr. Jelinek,

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Global brands that buy from these suppliers and sell to the public are creating the international markets and providing the finances for the fires and deforestation. Ten years ago, Consumer Goods Forum (CGF) members made a commitment to end deforestation in their supply chains by 2020, with an emphasis on high risk commodities such as soy, cattle, palm oil, and pulp and paper. Five years later, at the 2014 Climate Summit in New York, 60 additional companies joined in this pledge as a part of the landmark New York Declaration on Forests.

As the 2020 deadline approaches, it is increasingly apparent that the majority of these companies will fail to achieve this goal.

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- Move rapidly towards only buying from countries that are increasing their natural forest cover and protecting the rights of Indigenous Peoples, including Free Prior and Informed Consent.
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- Set a public, science-based target to rapidly shift a significant portion of protein sales towards plant-based options.

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Gordon Reid
President and CEO
Stop & Shop
1385 Hancock St.
Quincy, MA 02169

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Doug McMillon
President and CEO
Walmart
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Bentonville, AR 72716

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