

**Here are some more articles and replies. In order to simplify, our comments are written in Times New Roman and in block while the letters and articles are in Arial.**

From: customer.service@tesco.co.uk  
To: george.ashleycooper@aol.co.uk  
Sent: Thu, 15 Jan 2015 06:58:39 +0000  
Subject: TES6722121NI: Re your recent enquiry

Dear Customer

Thank you for contacting us.

We understand that many customers have strong views from a wide variety of positions about the situation in the Middle East.

Like all major UK retailers, we sell some products that are sourced from Israel. We do this in line with the Government position on trade with Israel, and we mark all products clearly with the country of origin, so customers can make informed choices about what to buy.

We have no plans to change our sourcing arrangements with Israel.

However, I can confirm that all our own brand Almonds and Pistachio Nuts are sourced from the USA.

Thank you once again for taking the time to contact us.

Kind regards

Sarah Thorne

Tesco Customer Service



From: customer.service@tesco.co.uk  
To: cates1980@hotmail.co.uk  
Sent: Fri, 16 Jan 2015 13:41:47 +0000  
Subject: TES6722121NI: Re your recent enquiry

Dear Mr. Piller

Thank you for your reply.

We appreciate you taking the time to let us know your views as your comments are very important to us. Your feedback will help us to address important issues like this for the future.

I'm sorry to say that there's nothing further that we can add to what has been said in our previous email.

Thank you once again for taking the time to contact us regarding this issue.

Kind regards

Rachel Barnes

Tesco Customer Service



**This is one reply that was sent to us regarding the Pistachio project. The first letter suggests they didn't even understand the problem under discussion while the second, a reply from a greatly needed follow up from ourselves, shows much the same.**

**They just don't seem to get it do they. With our own letter we sent all of the relevant links, information etc. and then we got this one back. For them, saving the planet is all about using funny words like sustainable and responsibility in every other sentence. The very idea that desertification might occur by making a simple choice as to where Pistachios might be imported from goes right over them in their limited thought processes and doesn't even register as a problem.**

**From this I can see we really do have our work cut out. Please if you've not already done so write to them, or even if you have then follow up any replies they may have sent. This is a very important issue, we need to keep going and the only way to do this is by everyone writing in to them.**

## US Palm Oil Project Would Destroy Endangered Chimpanzee Habitat in Cameroon



Recent picture of the palm oil plantage area © SAVE

The endangered Chimpanzee stands to have swathes of its forest habitat in Cameroon destroyed if a US company's controversial plans to establish a palm oil plantation in the area are not stopped.

Herakles Farms has previously claimed its project in the South West Region of the country would convert an area of little conservation value. But a new study by Dschang University, in collaboration with the University of Göttingen and supported by Greenpeace International, SAVE Wildlife Conservation Fund and WWF Germany has found that claim to be a severe misrepresentation.

The study found the area to be home to not only the chimpanzee, but also the forest elephant, rare primates such as the endangered drill and the critically endangered Preuss's red colobus monkey, plus a number of fish species, many endemic to the region.

"The US government has invested heavily in recent years in the conservation of the 'elliott's chimpanzee'," said Filip Verbelen, forests campaigner with Greenpeace International.

"It is therefore both ironic and tragic that an American company is set to destroy a forest area that is vital for the survival of these chimpanzees."

Recent field research by Greenpeace in the proposed plantation zone also found evidence of chimpanzee nests. The project zone is bordered by four protected areas including the iconic Korup national park and acts as a vital corridor for animals.

The forested area is located within the Guinean forests of West Africa, an area known as a biodiversity hotspot.

The Nigeria-Cameroon chimpanzee is listed by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) as endangered with scientists estimating as few as 3,500 surviving in the wild. The drill is one of Africa's most endangered primates and eighty percent of the world's remaining drill habitat is in a relatively small forested part of Cameroon.

"The results of our survey show that the proposed concession area is of high conservation value, while some parts could even act as a chimp sanctuary," said Dr Kadiri Serge Bobo of Dschang University, Cameroon. "They also show that prior studies presented by the company were inadequate and failed to confirm the presence of threatened mammal species."

The Herakles Farms project in the South West region has been beset with controversy since it was first announced in 2009. The plantation has been operating illegally and linked to corrupt practices and many Cameroonian and international groups are calling for the cancellation of the project.

The project has also been developed without the adequate consultation or free prior and informed consent of residents, many of whom oppose the project and risk the loss of their customary land and livelihoods.

To read an abstract of the report [click here](#)

Source SAVE Wildlife Conservation Fund



**An Oil Palm plantation grown in Western Central Africa where this is a native rightfully belonging tree species.**



**And so. Let's bring the picture back down again to remind ourselves what's happening here (no way of knowing of course whether this is the actual forest in question or not but a minor detail anyway). For the sake of argument let's assume it is. Anyway, it's the same sad old story, some turd from somewhere buys or steals, whatever they do, and clear-fells an area of rainforest for Oil Palm production. The wrong people involved, a monoculture planted in regimented rows and just plainly wrong on so many levels.**

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**Our own personal vision on the other hand and if you like. Oil Palm grown in Western Central Africa where this is a native tree species. Where we ourselves, the conservationists, would buy up areas of land outside the actual forest, in Western Central Africa where Oil Palm is a native tree species. Sorry for hammer this one home but the authorities just aren't listening. We plant these areas, which are outside the forest, with this native Oil Palm in non-regimented rows, allowing other tree species to develop along side the palms, seeds of all kinds would be brought in by birds and fruit bats etc. In doing this we effectively increase the acreage rather than degrade the original forest. The money generated could then be used to protect that forest or to buy more land to grow more Oil Palm, various Rubbers, quite different species from the Brazilian tree which is now grown in S.E. Asia. It all gets very complicated doesn't it, scientists, industries and governments have seen to this, just as they've screwed everything else up in the world.**

**Brazil Nuts, they tried it with them too, but this tree depends on a tiny wasp for pollination that only occurs in Amazonia. Unlike Vanilla, which is now mainly grown in Madagascar instead of Mexico, they couldn't hand-pollinate these because the flowers are up the top of a great big tree. And as a result of all these inconveniences, Brazil Nuts can even now and quite rightly only be found growing in the proper home countries of Brazil and Bolivia. And so by eating Brazil Nuts you know you're helping to preserve Amazonia; but they did try to relocate the production nonetheless and for whatever reason.**

**It is a real mishmash of utter despair for those who want to do the right thing and buy products that are helping rather than destroying. Cocoa, Vanilla, Rubber, Coffee, just like the Pistachios we're campaigning on here, all have the potential and come from wild trees that are native in some parts of the world, and each and every one of them could be increasing habitat as well as creating wealth for those who want to preserve these places.**

**The only way we will ever save the planet is if the real conservationists take the bull by the horns so to speak and to do that we need to earn lots of money and everything from then on would be self-funded. We get the locals involved by offering them employment, we create excellent buffer-zones along the way and we can go on to bridge existing forest areas that are now sitting in isolation. If we were to continue to take this several stages further we could go on to fight back the desertification that is so aggressively occurring from the north on that continent by using Date Palm.**

**The collective effects this could have on the climate would be significant. Those in East Africa who are complaining these days about the unpredictable rains, and why might that be, it's because those forests to the west have dwindled to such an extent they are now incapable of creating rainclouds and regulating the weather like they once did.**

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**Please now take a look at this link and pass it onto your friends.**

[http://action.sumofus.org/a/doritos-video/?akid=9049.755751.sgS7Z\\_&modal=false&rd=1&t=1](http://action.sumofus.org/a/doritos-video/?akid=9049.755751.sgS7Z_&modal=false&rd=1&t=1)

From: contact details withheld  
To: cates1980@hotmail.co.uk  
Sent: Sun, 18 Jan 2015 11:16:50 +0000  
Subject: 'Pistachio Forests.'

Dear Robert,

Thank you for your recent newsletter which I found very useful as a tool for promoting these forests. But did you also know about the threat from the Taliban in this part of the world. Good luck with what you are doing and I will leave you with the link.

<http://abcpltd.in/dried-fruits/pistachio.html>

Kind regards.

**As with most problems they are often multifaceted.**

From: RMatoian@AmericanPistachios.org  
To: cates.1980@aol.co.uk  
Sent: Thu, 8 Jan 2015 16:26  
Subject: RE: 'pistachios.' us market

Dear Robert,

Hello. I don't have a comment on the first website link you sent me, but regarding the other two, I personally know of an agricultural researcher at the University of California, Davis, who has been to Afghanistan on several occasions to help protect and expand the dwindling pistachio acreage. The researcher has been trying to work with locals to plant lands to pistachios to help the local economy.

Much luck with your efforts.

Richard Matoian

Executive Director

AMERICAN PISTACHIO GROWERS

**Thank you for your reply. The obvious problem of course is the astronomical competition the American growers are having on the world market. There are only so many pistachios the world can stuff in their faces and with the odds so heavily stacked against the original markets then problems like this can and do emerge.**

**Thank you however for writing back and giving us the information. I have since gone onto this university's website and have put many of the staff who are involved with this work on our mailing list. It's always good when the opposition is helpful and possibly even on side but it must be stressed they are initial cause of the very problem.**

From: customer.service@sainsburys.co.uk  
To: cates1980@hotmail.co.uk  
Sent: Fri, 26 Dec 2014 14:08:45 +0000  
Subject: Other questions [Reference: 141226-000355]

Our Ref: 1-318372309

Dear Mr Piller

Thanks for your email. I'm sorry you've been unable to find any pistachios this year that were grown in Iran. I appreciate your your concern.

As a company we source what we believe will be the best quality for our customers and our pistachio nuts are seasonally sourced. If there is a specific packet of pistachio nuts you're referring to, please advise me of this and we will be happy to investigate further into this.

We appreciate you taking the time to contact us and for bringing your concerns to our attention.

Kind regards,

Anna Prescott, Customer Manager, Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd | 33 Holborn, London EC1N 2HT. 0800 636 262 [twitter.com/sainsburys](https://twitter.com/sainsburys) | [facebook.com/sainsburys](https://facebook.com/sainsburys)

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Sent: Fri, 26 Dec 2014 16:39:37 +0000  
Subject: Other questions [Reference: 141226-000603]

Our Ref: 1-318372309

Dear Mr Piller

Thanks for your response to my email.

As **we are a non political company**, we are unable to comment on any political differences between the countries you mentioned. However, as previously stated, we source what we believe will be the best quality for our customers.

Please be assured, I've logged all of your concerns and comments onto our internal system for the attention of the relevant department. Your comments will be addressed and the appropriate changes will be made.

We appreciate you taking the time to contact us and for bringing your concerns to our attention.

Kind regards,

Anna Prescott, Customer Manager, Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd | 33 Holborn, London EC1N 2HT



**Here we have some more letters and it must be said, being 'none political' and buying of American nuts is an utter contradiction in itself. Albeit and maybe unwittingly, they are very much taking a political stance. These nut gatherers and the wildlife that inhabits the forests have nothing at all to do with Iran's nuclear ambitions or the 9/11 assault but these are the ones that are on the front line of it all. The fact that an entire region on the planet is being reduced to desert by their very actions clearly doesn't faze them one iota. And as we read in the last report there's an enormous one-sidedness about the entire way pistachios are featuring on the world-market. In order to fair things up a good deal more that they are a considerable campaign will need to be run on both behalves.**

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From: newsmanager@peta.org  
To: cates1980@hotmail.co.uk  
Sent: Sat, 10 Jan 2015 03:53:25 -0600  
Subject: PETA Stands With 'Charlie Hebdo'

## PETA Stands With 'Charlie Hebdo'



Charlie Hebdo—the only French newspaper to dedicate a weekly column to animal rights—suffered a tragedy recently when 12 staff members were killed. Take a look at some recent animal rights cartoons produced by the compassionate Charlie Hebdo staff, whose lost members are mourned and will be missed greatly.

[http://www.peta.org/blog/charlie-hebdos-10-best-animal-rights-cartoons/?utm\\_campaign=010915&utm\\_source=PETA%20E-Mail&utm\\_medium=E-News](http://www.peta.org/blog/charlie-hebdos-10-best-animal-rights-cartoons/?utm_campaign=010915&utm_source=PETA%20E-Mail&utm_medium=E-News)

# The City of London Corporation

**As a continuation of our Campaign for the Built Environment we instigated last year, we are now bringing some of those to account who have made Britain the beautiful place it is today. We have here the councilors' contact details of the City of London Corporation who not only allowed all that you see below to happen but positively embraced and reveled in it at every last stage.**

**What anyone might like to express about turning in just a few short decades the top picture into the trash-heap we see below that is entirely up to them. Over the next few months we will bring in other boroughs to account who you'll also be able to contact. We all live in a democracy, or so they tell us, where everyone has the right to speak, well now's your chance to speak out and tell them what you really think.**



The same scene as it looks today.

## Please write to the following if you have any comments you wish to make:

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Ian David Luder JP BSC (Econ) (Alderman)

ian.luder@cityoflondon.gov.uk;

**One such member, a Mr. Ian David Luder, who helped found the Worshipful Company of Tax Advisers, whatever that is, and was a member of the Bedford Borough Council for 23 years. I remember with great fondness, him and his then wife Liz who sat on the same council together. Labour councillors at the time, all of the old stories in the local papers about developments going ahead with talk of alleged deals and cash settlements etc. Anyway, he is now a member of the City of London Corporation and no doubt still reaping the rewards.**

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Trustee - Basildon and Thurrock University Hospitals Charitable Foundation

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Court Member - W Cos of Coopers, Tax Advisors, Arts Scholars (Master 2014/2015)

Honorary Liveryman - Worshipful Company of Security Professionals

Member - UKIP

Member, Barbican Association, City Pickwick Club, Guild of Freeman, Royal Society of St George

Guildhall Manor of Southwark (2014-2015, Foreman)

Fellow, Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Fellow, Chartered Institute of Taxation

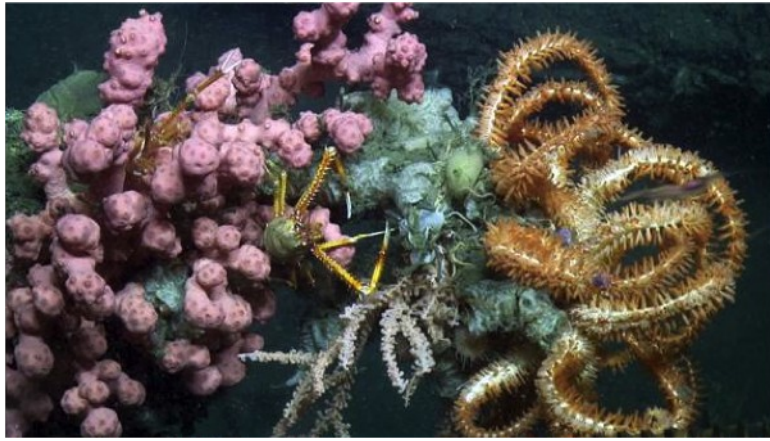
From: info@saveoureenvironment.org

To: cates1980@hotmail.co.uk

Sent: Fri, 16 Jan 2015 09:06:22 -0500

Subject: Protect Ancient Corals from Destruction

Not far off the East Coast of the U.S., deep-sea corals provide critical habitat for countless fish and invertebrates. Research suggests these ancient, fragile creatures and the species that live with them may provide extraordinary benefits to human health, including cancer treatments. The stationary nature of cold-water corals makes them particularly vulnerable to pollution and changes in the ocean's temperature, but their greatest global threat is from bottom fishing.



Act now: help save ancient corals from destruction.

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council has proposed a bold plan to use its authority under federal law to proactively “minimize the impacts of fishing gear on deep-sea corals,” but it has not yet determined the extent of that protection.

Tell the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council to protect deep-sea corals.

Kevin Curtis, Director, [SaveOurEnvironment.org](http://SaveOurEnvironment.org)

The “Deep Sea Corals Amendment to the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fishery Management Plan” could establish the largest habitat protection area in the history of Atlantic fishery management, or protect nothing. To fully protect corals, this plan must include all of the canyons and deep regions that harbor these ecological treasures.

**Please write to the contact below. To save time just highlight, copy and paste the short letter above, they'll get the message. Thank you.**

[midafmgmtc@gmail.com](mailto:midafmgmtc@gmail.com)





<http://www.aol.co.uk/article/2015/01/04/windfarm-shuts-after-2m-turbine-collapse/21124196/>

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**SSE. is again using this threatened ape to further wind-energy and it's own greed. Real or computer generated really isn't the point by the way, the message is loud and clear, 'wind-power will save our precious wildlife' and it's an outrageous lie. And using an animal symbol like this, real or otherwise, somehow makes it worse.**

**Please write to:**

[customerservice@sse.co.uk](mailto:customerservice@sse.co.uk);



Tom Kerridge, TV. Cook. Boasts About Eating Whale Meat and Puffin.

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**Please write to his establishment at:**

contact@thehandandflowers.co.uk

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From: newsmanager@peta.org  
To: cates1980@hotmail.co.uk  
Sent: Sat, 10 Jan 2015 03:53:25 -0600  
Subject: Thank You for Speaking Up for Alaska's Wild Animals!

**Illegal Hunts, Dead Animals, and Criminal Charges—Does This Sound Like an Animal Planet Show to You?**

Animal Planet is apparently planning to air another season of Wild West Alaska, even though the show's "star," Jim West, has pleaded guilty to criminal hunting charges. Help get the show canceled and West taken off the air by speaking up today!

Jim West, owner of an Anchorage shop called Wild West Guns,

Yours sincerely, Peta.



**Please write to the contacts below. Thank you.**

infoak@wildwestguns.com; info@wildwestguns.com; info@theduke.de; sales@rudefatdog.com; paulknv@gmail.com;  
comments@discovery.ca; comments@animalplanet.ca; comments@discoveryworld.ca;  
comments@investigationdiscovery.ca; comments@discoveryscience.ca;

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**If you've not already done so, or even if you have, please write your letters to the contact below. The people who put these billboards out there have declared war on the wolf so we have declared war on them. Do all you can and send this contact out to anyone that might be interested. Thank you.**

waresidentsagainstwolves@gmail.com

**Please also write to these contacts below. The Fish & Wildlife Service are the ones who ultimately make the decisions as to whether hunting's allowed or not.**

nathan\_zorich@fws.gov; melanie\_steinkamp@fws.gov; william\_ritchie@fws.gov; jennifer\_a\_wheeler@fws.gov;  
doug\_forsell@fws.gov; angela\_matz@fws.gov; ken\_goddard@fws.gov; larry\_martin@fws.gov; sheldon\_myerchin@fws.gov;  
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From: defenders@mail.defenders.org  
To: cates1980@hotmail.co.uk  
Sent: Thu, 15 Jan 2015 07:30:02 -0600  
Subject: EMERGENCY: When Congress attacks, wolves die



There's nothing that anti-wolf politicians in Wyoming won't do to turn the state back into a deadly place for wolves.

Now their representative in the U.S. Congress is proposing legislation to strip Wyoming's wolves of Endangered Species Act (ESA) protections. If **Representative Lummis** succeeds, wolves in Wyoming will once again be in grave danger.

If you love wolves as much as I do, please make an emergency donation to Defenders of Wildlife today! You know what happens when Congress interferes with the ESA and wolves. And it's not pretty.

In 2011, Congress forced Montana and Idaho's wolves off the Endangered Species List. Within months, wolves were falling under a hail of bullets. In Idaho alone, the state legislature quickly rammed through a new wolf killing control board with the expressed goal of reducing Idaho's wolf population by up to 80 percent! The number of breeding pairs in the state has already plummeted by nearly 60 percent.

The ESA law is clear – decisions about imperiled wildlife protection should be based on the best available science, and not local politics. When the best available science is ignored, wolves die in droves.

Under Wyoming's management, wolves were classified as vermin in more than 80 percent of the state. In their so-called "predator zone," you could kill as many wolves as you could find, every day of the year. Won't you stand up for wolves with a generous contribution today?

Defenders of Wildlife is the nation's leading champion for wolves and other imperiled wildlife. As a Defenders supporter, your voice will be heard – in Washington, D.C. and on the front lines of the fight to restore wolves throughout the west.

January marks the 20th anniversary of the restoration of wolves to the Northern Rockies. Thanks to supporters like you, we were there. And with your help, this all-important work will go on for decades to come.

Sincerely, Jamie Rappaport Clark, President, Defenders of Wildlife



**Please now watch this short Youtube clip below by pasting it onto Bing. Here Mrs. Cynthia Lummis talks about 'managing wolves' and 'legislative remedies.' What she's actually referring to of course is their typical gung-ho slaughter policies that so many of them embrace.**

[youtu.be/5uuWbXcAgoA](https://youtu.be/5uuWbXcAgoA)



**You may like to drop her a line too.**

[cynthia.lummis@mail.house.gov](mailto:cynthia.lummis@mail.house.gov);

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From: [commondreams@commondreams.org](mailto:commondreams@commondreams.org)  
To: [cates1980@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cates1980@hotmail.co.uk)  
Sent: Tue, 6 Jan 2015 17:13:17 -0500  
Subject: News & Views | EPA's Assessment of Dangerous Pesticide Leaves Communities at Risk

## EPA's Assessment of Dangerous Pesticide Leaves Communities at Risk

Continued widespread agricultural use of chlorpyrifos poses threats to children's health

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. - As 2014 drew to a close, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) gave a new year's gift to industry and took steps to allow children and pregnant women to be more at risk of exposure to the widely-used neurotoxic pesticide chlorpyrifos, a chemical that interferes with brain development in fetuses, infants and children.

After years of waiting, EPA released their human health risk assessment, the result of a legal petition and several lawsuits filed by a coalition of environmental health groups. EPA's new assessment relies heavily on one model and scant studies from Dow, the company that manufactures chlorpyrifos.



Fourteen years ago, the EPA banned household use of chlorpyrifos due to strong scientific evidence of negative effects on children's health. However, agriculture uses were allowed to continue. The Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) and Pesticide Action Network North America (PANNA) urged the agency in 2007 to extend the ban to all uses because of the growing scientific evidence of brain impairments to children and the detrimental impacts to children and communities when pesticide drifts from farm fields onto neighboring homes, schools and playgrounds.

"We have gone to court because EPA has allowed children to be exposed to developmental impairments like reduced IQ, autism, and attention deficit disorder. EPA's assessment depends far too much on flawed studies from industry, and children are left in harm's way." said Earthjustice attorney Patti Goldman, who represented the groups in legal actions related to the petition.

Though banned for home uses because of dangers to children, **chlorpyrifos is still heavily used on fruit and nut orchards**, soybeans, and corn, with an estimated 5 million pounds applied in the U.S. annually.

EPA had long ignored children's exposure to pesticide drift and had failed to act on peer-reviewed scientific studies showing brain impairments to children exposed to chlorpyrifos. California EPA is also assessing the harms caused by chlorpyrifos.

"The science on health impacts—together with many personal stories—overwhelmingly supports the need for a phase out," said Margaret Reeves, Ph.D., senior scientist at PANNA. "There are numerous independent, peer-reviewed studies documenting risks to agricultural communities, but **EPA and California officials have moved at a snail's pace, and have failed to protect children's health.**"

Young children are particularly vulnerable to the pesticide because their bodies and brains are still developing, and chemicals that interfere with the nervous system during development may cause long-term or permanent damage. Children in agricultural communities face the greatest risks. All children may consume pesticide residues on food and in drinking water, but rural and farm children additionally may be exposed to pesticides drifting from treated fields into the places they live, learn and play. Family members who work on farms may carry pesticide residues into homes on their clothes and shoes at the end of the day.

"Many studies link chlorpyrifos with severe and long-lasting impacts to children, including developmental delays, lower IQ and behavioral problems," said Veena Singla, Ph.D., staff scientist with NRDC. "EPA is failing to protect all our nation's children equally because they ignored the bigger threats faced by kids in agricultural communities—it's unfair and EPA needs to do more."

Common Dreams.

**I'll now hand you over to the Reverend.**

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## **Reverend Billy & the Stop Shopping Choir**

Viscountess Nancy Astor once said "The main dangers in this life are the people who want to change everything - or nothing." This robber baron royal lived in another time, yet I've seen her quote posted recently as a meme, on social forums. Clearly many of us would agree with her statement. We feel safer with the moderate course, the reasonable alternative that doesn't upset people.

In 2015, moderation is the main danger. The Earth's crisis makes Lady Astor's approach naive to the point of suicidal. Now, in 2015, we cannot be moderate in our reduction of fossil fuels. Gradualism has left us with drought, disease, flood and fire. We've learned "reform" in negotiations with big banks and corporations - is the dangerous choice, because it amounts to changing nothing. The seduction of Consumerism and the brute force of Militarism have distanced us, for many years, from taking the action we must take. But inside each of us is a freedom fighter rising up.

In 2015, we will be unafraid to defend our Earth, our community and our family. These shells of shelter, from personal to universal, from our loved ones to the loved One, will be defended from the invisible toxins, from the bullets of fear, from the profits of violence. We are unafraid to - we are glad to - change everything! Earthalujah!

Reverend Billy Talen

**Concluding: We print any letters here from all sides of both arguments. So long as it's relevant to the subject matters and provided it's not obscene we will print it. If you disagree with anything that's been said, please write in. This is a public arena so please feel free to have your say. Contact details will always be withheld on request.**