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Dear Girl Scouts USA Girl Guides Canada

Please let me introduce who I am. My name is Andini and my nickname is Dini. My mother is palm oil farmer and I am the daughter of palm oil farmer.

Palm oil has become the hope of small farmers in Indonesia where I am from. Indonesia is the largest palm oil producing country in the world. 41% of the 16.8 million hectares of existing oil palm plantations are owned by smallholders. 2.4 million families in Indonesia depend on palm oil to make a better living.

And me, I am one of those people who put my hope, my future and my family in palm oil industry.

Palm oil is not wrong because, there is no differences between palm oil to other plants. Instead, palm oil has done the work that other forestry plants do. And it is palm oil that reforests abandoned lands. Land that is not used because farmers could not find a profitable crop now becomes green and very friendly to nature.

Palm is not wrong. Because palm oil has supports a lot of people such as low to middle class communities. Its effect on economic factors has been tested in the sustainable group. Then also with the ecological aspect, it really helps environmental sustainability in Indonesia, which is higher than the two aspects above, is the social aspect. This indicates that palm oil is a social plant, a people's plant. You don't have to be rich to plant palm oil. In Indonesia, everyone can plant palm oil. In our case we can live with 1-2 ha palm oil.

Palm oil is good from the economic, social and environmental aspects. I am one of those who have experienced. And many others people outside. Millions of children of palm oil farmers who can continue their studies up to college. And you have to know that part of them reached their study to Canada, Netherlands and other European continents.

I LOVE PALM OIL, AS A CHILD WOULD LOVE THEIR PARENTS WHO NURTURE AND PREPARE THEM FOR A BETTER FUTURE.

With love from Indonesia

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