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His Excellency Pisanu Suvanajata  
Ambassador  
Royal Thai Embassy, London

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Via e-mail: [csinfo@thaiembassyuk.org.uk](mailto:csinfo@thaiembassyuk.org.uk)

Dear Ambassador Pisanu Suvanajata:

I'm writing to you on behalf of PETA, an animal protection organisation with members and supporters worldwide, many of whom live in the United Kingdom or Thailand.

The New York Post broke our [third investigation](#) into Thailand's coconut industry, which revealed that it's still heavily focused on forced monkey labour. Although the Thai government and companies such as Chaokoh continue to issue denials, we found coconut pickers, farms, and brokers in nine provinces in southern Thailand – including the top coconut-producing provinces in the country – chaining monkeys by their necks and making them climb tall trees to twist off heavy coconuts for use in coconut milk and other products. The northern and southern pig-tailed macaques who are used are usually taken from their homes and families in nature as babies, which has contributed to the extreme decline of wild populations. Southern pig-tailed macaques were recently relisted as [endangered](#).

Since the release of PETA's first [two investigations](#) into the industry, nearly 40,000 stores around the world have pulled products tied to monkey labour from their shelves. Until monkeys are no longer forced to pick coconuts, more will certainly follow. Instead of denying the use of monkeys or touting unreliable "audit systems", Thai leaders and the coconut industry must institute change. Please use your influence with the government to do the following:

- Help shut down monkey-training facilities, including by exploring the option to buy them out
- Subsidise the purchase of coconut-picking equipment to replace abused monkeys with humane, non-animal harvest methods
- Develop a plan to retire the monkeys

**As we continue our campaign in the UK to inform the public about Thailand's cruel use of monkeys, I hope you'll do everything in your power to encourage the Thai government to end forced monkey labour.**

Thank you for your time and prompt attention to this important matter.

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Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elisa Allen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Vice President of UK Programmes and Operations  
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