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The Offspring
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To The Offspring,

We were surprised to come across the new music video "[We Never Have Sex Anymore](#)", showing trained chimpanzees wearing human clothes as they perform humanlike actions. **This video is harmful because it directly promotes the unethical treatment of primates. We ask you to take down the video and no longer use chimpanzees in the making of future videos.** [Hollywood is no longer filming with chimps](#) because such imagery of endangered animals is archaic and inflammatory. The public turns away from it due to heightened awareness of the sadness and cruelty behind the camera. Additionally, it promotes future use of chimpanzees in entertainment and the exotic pet trade and has a negative impact on conservation.

The use of chimpanzees in entertainment causes [lasting trauma](#) to the individual chimpanzees exploited in your video. **The entire lifetime of a chimpanzee is negatively affected when they are used in entertainment.** As infants, they are deprived of maternal contact at a very early age, when they are heavily dependent upon their mothers. Training and living conditions for animal "actors" can be incredibly stressful and even abusive. A life spent performing denies them virtually all of the experiences they need to be healthy, including social housing, social grooming, and exercise. When they are denied these natural behaviors, primates develop aberrant and harmful behaviors, such as obsessive compulsions, self-mutilation, and aggression. The simple fact that these chimpanzees are not living in a social group with other chimpanzees and were forced to wear clothing and perform on cue in a disorienting and punitive environment is reason enough to raise animal welfare concerns.

Like all chimpanzees used in entertainment, the chimps used in this video could be used for performing for a few short years, until they became too strong and dangerous to work around humans. **Did you know the chimpanzees used in this video were apparently provided by a notorious animal trainer with a string of animal welfare violations, who then dumped them when they were no longer profitable?** Many chimpanzees used in entertainment end up in sub par zoos and some end up in sanctuaries. The fiscal burden of care then falls to those facilities. A case in point is the Wildlife Waystation, a refuge that took chimpanzees from the same animal trainer and then suddenly shut down in 2019, leaving over 480 animals in need of new homes. We are leading the [rescue efforts](#) for 32 chimpanzees that still remain on site – a very difficult situation to navigate because the need

for primate sanctuary placement exceeds available space, due in part to the use of chimpanzees in entertainment.

The North American Primate Sanctuary Alliance (NAPSA) is a coalition of ten of the leading primate sanctuaries on the continent. In our member sanctuaries, we care for over 850 nonhuman primates, many of whom were formerly used in entertainment – including over 450 chimpanzees. We are dedicated to convincing the media that misleading imagery of primates brings about much more harm than good.

We urge you to take down the music video for “We Never Have Sex Anymore.” Do better. Your fans will thank you, and we will too.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erika Fleury". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Erika" being more prominent than the last name "Fleury".

Erika Fleury
Program Director