

Available for comment: meat companies are making the pandemic worse

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Hi,

I wanted to send you the statement below from [Mighty Earth CEO Glenn Hurowitz](#). He is available for guest appearances or additional comment if you are interested. Glenn most recently appeared on [The Climate Pod](#) and is the author of the recent report, "[The Coronavirus Climate Profiteers](#)."

Thanks!

Alex

### **Big Meat Companies Are Making the Pandemic Worse**

*As the coronavirus pandemic wreaks havoc with the meat supply chain, Mighty Earth CEO Glenn Hurowitz released the following statement:*

"In the midst of a global crisis, the meat industry continues to pack people and animals into factories, fueling the spread of the current pandemic and making the next one more likely. The industry's dangerous behavior and poor planning have led to the [slow suffocation of millions of animals](#), even as unsafe working conditions force workers to risk sickness and death to keep their jobs.

"The industry's destruction is also playing out on an international scale. The big meat companies like JBS and Cargill have driven the [bulldozing](#) and [burning](#) of the Amazon and other forests in South America to expand the area dedicated to raising cattle and planting crops to feed them. In addition to driving mass extinctions and accelerating climate change, this deforestation risks bringing humans into contact with dangerous new diseases. These tropical forest fires also [overload health care facilities with new cases of respiratory problems](#) and [cause hundreds of thousands of premature deaths](#) under normal circumstances. Allowing these practices to continue only further endangers people whose lungs have been damaged by the coronavirus.

"Supermarkets like Costco, Ahold Delhaize, Casino, and more must end their complicity and stop sending hundreds of millions of dollars in supplier contracts to companies like Cargill and JBS that are acting in such a cruel and reckless manner."

<http://www.mightyearth.org/big-meat-companies-are-making-the-pandemic-worse/>

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