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Mr. John Donahoe
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Dear Mr. Donahoe:

My name is Bob Mrazek (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_J._Mrazek) and I'm a former five term member of the U.S. Congress. Nearly 30 years ago, I introduced the Kangaroo Protection Act to halt the import of kangaroo skins and other parts into the U.S. for commercial purposes. It was a good idea then, and an even better idea today.

Now, three decades later, I am deeply disappointed that Nike continues to contribute to the mass slaughter of kangaroos in Australia by clogging its supply chain with their hides. It's especially disappointing that we've heard only silence from Nike after the catastrophic fires that burned forests, grasslands, and the animals themselves across so much of the continent. The fires showed the acute vulnerability of these animals to natural disasters, and adding so much human-caused mortality through commercial killing for skins, seems to run counter to your company's commitment to sustainability and decency.

It's bad enough that private, commercial hunters, acting on behalf of Nike and other buyers of the products, kill the adults. They also bludgeon another 400,000 joeys found in their slain mothers' pouches. They make no exceptions for the endangered kangaroo species.

Intense fires, viral pathogens, and other exogenous threats are the new reality in our world.

I believe that a public announcement by Nike that your company will eliminate the use of the skins of kangaroos in your products offers a great opportunity to demonstrate that Nike is seriously committed to species sustainability around the globe.

New efforts in Congress will soon be undertaken to ban the skins. My hope is that this time, in an era far more hospitable to concerns about cruelty to animals, this effort will succeed.

Sincerely yours,
Robert J. Mrazek