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Dear FDA:

This is to ask you to follow the lead of the European Union (EU) to ban the use of antibiotics as growth promoters in livestock, especially the use of antibiotics that are already used in human medicine.

As a concerned citizen with a formal education in chemistry and biology, I am well aware of the evolutionary pressure on micro-organisms to develop increasing resistance to antibiotics from the overuse of these drugs in human as well as in agriculture. According to The Center for Disease Control (CDC), the agricultural use of antibiotics is the major cause of antibiotic resistance in food-borne illness. I am also aware that the EU has banned the use of the same antibiotics in both human and agriculture, and that the CDC has recognized sound science behind the EU's decision.

With successful results already experienced in Sweden and Denmark over the last decade regarding the ban of antibiotic use in livestock, I do not see why we here in the United States of America are not making any significant move toward a less drug-dependent practice in agriculture. What are we waiting for? I hope that we here in the land of the free and the home of the brave are not waiting for political approval from pharmaceutical companies and their cohorts such as Monsanto.

For the sake of the nation's long-term health, please ban the practice of using antibiotics that are already used in human medicine - such as penicillin, streptomycin, and virginiamycin - as growth promoters in livestock.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

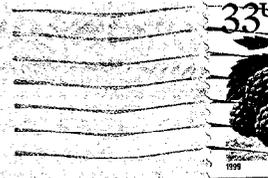
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