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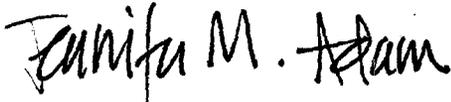
Dear Commissioner Jane Henney, M.D.:

Growing up on an Angus beef cattle farm, I understand what goes into raising an animal. I also know that raising animals on a small farm versus a feed lot is dramatically different. Antibiotics are seen as necessary to prevent the rapid spread of disease (this is largely due to overcrowding) and encourage growth of the animals.

As sad as it is, most people do not think about what they eat. They rely on organizations such as the FDA and the USDA to be their watchdogs. **Please give your full consideration to banning the use of antibiotics in livestock.** You know the potential disaster in this practice. As a doctor, you will also understand my concern as an individual. I am allergic to penicillin and have had some health problems due to the allergy. I have to carefully watch what I eat and have eliminated commercial meat products from my diet for fear of residual antibiotics in the meat that comes from feedlots (this includes beef, poultry and pork). I eat fish, game meat and beef from my dad's farm (his lot is not overcrowded and he does not need to give his animals antibiotics in their feed). Ridding feedlots of antibiotics would force big-time producers to look for sustainable practices in raising and feeding truly healthy animals.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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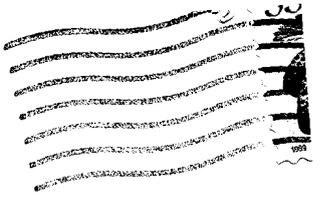
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