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Dear Commissioner Henney,

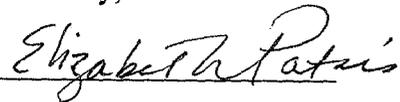
As you already know, the European Union has banned all growth-promoting uses of antibiotics used in human medicine. Surely they know what they are doing.

I hope the FDA, with the knowledge and understanding they have of medicine, would agree that the uses of antibiotics in animal husbandry--to promote growth rather than to heal an illness--has created a dangerous situation for the health needs of our country.

Anti-biotic resistant strains of bacteria such as Salmonella are developing faster than it is possible to keep ahead of--yet antibiotics had done an excellent job in the past. It is the indiscriminate use, the unnecessary use, the use with only the short-sighted view of profit, that we should be concerned with.

I urge you to follow the lead of the EU and move immediately to ban animal uses of growth-promoting antibiotics used in human medicine. Consider the health of our future. A sick country cannot enjoy profits!

Sincerely,



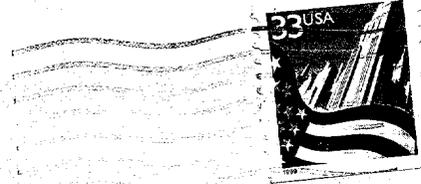
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