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Dr. Jane E. Henney
Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Ms. Henney:

I am writing to express my support for restrictions on antibiotics used to promote livestock growth. I would like to see you follow the European Union and leading public health agencies, and ban the use of antibiotics to fatten livestock when those drugs are also used to treat humans.

I know you receive opposition from drug manufacturers and the livestock industry, but the fact that these restrictions might lengthen the time needed to raise animals should not take precedence over the health of the public. It is vital to preserve the effectiveness of these drugs to treat human diseases. We hope the Food and Drug Administration will take immediate action to stop the unnecessary use of antibiotics in animal feed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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