

Ms. Heather M Sloat
6 Aster Ct.
Greenfield, MA. 01301

2686 '00 APR 20 A10:55

April 12, 2000

FDA Dockets Management (HFA-305)
5630 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to urge you to act on Docket #99P-4613 to prevent the use of the genetically engineered Bovine Growth Hormone (BGH) on the grounds that it is unhealthy for human consumers and inhumane to cattle. The use of BGH increases not only milk production but also the instance of cystic ovaries, disorders of the uterus and may increase the incidence of mastitis in cows. The increase in these infections would mean pain and suffering for the cows and increased use of antibiotics by farmers leading to ever more antibiotic-resistant strains of bacteria which could affect the human population. More infection also means more pus in the cow's milk injected by consumers. As a long-term affect, BGH may also increase the risk for certain types of cancer in humans.

Please prevent the use of this dangerous substance. I thank you very much for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Heather M. Sloat



20852

fDA Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
5630 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD



Ms. Heather M. Sloat
6 Aster Ct.
Green Field, MA 01301