

To Commissioner Jane Henney.

I sincerely hope that the citizens of the United States can be heard with their concerns about additives to foods through food and treatment for cattle and poultry. It is a very sad situation when the Food + Drug Administration are influenced by the drug industry to the point of threatening Public safety.

Sincerely,  
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## Antibiotics in Danger ✓

The next time you end up with food poisoning, a urinary tract infection, or pneumonia, don't be surprised if the doctor prescribes a fluoroquinolone like the broad-spectrum antibiotic Cipro.

And don't be surprised if the drug doesn't work.

In May, researchers reported that *Campylobacter*, a bacteria that causes food poisoning, is becoming resistant to fluoroquinolones. The reason: poultry farmers treat their entire flocks with the drug.

"The Food and Drug Administration caved in to drug-industry pressure when it approved fluoroquinolones for treating flocks of poultry," said Patricia Lieberman, director of CSPI's Antibiotic-Resistance Project.

"If fluoroquinolones fail, doctors still have one more drug to treat people who get food poisoning from *Campylobacter*," she adds. "But there is no other drug to treat *Salmonella* infections. If *Salmonella* becomes resistant, food poisoning could be fatal."

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As a member of the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI), I urge you to save human lives by banning the use of medically useful antibiotics in animal feed. Adding antibiotics to feed in order to promote growth can make bacteria resistant to those antibiotics. And that can leave physicians with no way to treat life-threatening bacterial infections in humans. That's why I support the petition filed by CSPI.



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