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FDA Commissioner Jane E. Henney
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, Maryland 20857

Re: Ban antibiotics in animal feed

Dear Ms. Henney:

Please save my life and that of many U.S. citizens by prohibiting livestock producers from routinely adding medically important antibiotics, such as virginiamycin, to animal feed to promote growth.

I would rather be able to live and have antibiotics cure me when I become infected even if I have to pay higher prices for food.

We all know that many bacteria which infect human beings are becoming resistant to available antibiotics and even to new antibiotics which are related to existing ones. Do not place more importance on farm prices than on the lives of my children and other U.S. citizens and their children.

The European Union has mercifully banned antibiotics used by humans from animal feed, an action which would be supported in the antiquated U.S. by the Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization. Please ban such use of antibiotics immediately in the U.S. We are already behind more developed nations in health applications and availability. We want to live.

Yours truly,



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cc: U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky
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