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FDA Commissioner Jane E. Henney, M.D.  
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Room 14-71  
5600 Fishers Lane  
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Dear Commissioner Henney:

I recently learned from the Humane Society of the United States that a petition banning the use of certain nonmedicinal antibiotics in food animals has been submitted to the FDA. I urge you to seriously consider this ban because of the human health issues involved. Continued use of these antibiotics in animals will only continue to promote bacterial resistance to these drugs. This will subsequently affect all human life and our ability to cure infections. As a registered nurse, I am well aware of the link between overuse of antibiotics and bacterial resistance. I believe the medical community is working hard to help solve this problem by doing such things as not prescribing antibiotics for suspected viral infections. I hope you will approve this ban. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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