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Dr. Jane E. Henney,

I am writing to you about my concern for clean water. Factory farms use 16 million pounds of antibiotics each year to promote faster livestock growth and then cover up unhygienic production practices. This unnecessary drug threatens public health, through the food and water we drink everyday. We are exposed to bacteria that are resistant to the drugs used to treat tuberculosis, staph infections, pneumonia, and other infectious diseases.

Because of the massive use of antibiotics to increase livestock weight, we are becoming immune to many prescriptions used to help us in times of illness. The antibiotics used on livestock are in turn eaten by us and altering our bodies. How is the medical field supposed to help in curing the people, when we are immune to the cures? This could lead to many unnecessary deaths and incurable illnesses, and for what? To allow the animal industry to produce larger cuts of meat?! This is ridiculous!

I am asking you to ban the use of antibiotics to promote livestock growth. It is unnecessary to use drugs to fatten the livestock, especially when the people are being negatively affected by its use. You hold the power to change this!

Sincerely,



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