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Dear Commissioner,

I am writing to ask that you join the World Health Organization in support of a ban on the use of medically important antibiotics to promote growth in animals. I think that this practice is appalling and is going to cause us some serious long term problems if we don't stop it soon. It is my understanding that about one third of all antibiotics are used in animal feed. As the mother of two children I am quite concerned that some day we may need one of these antibiotics and find out that it no longer works because it has been used as a growth promoter so that people have cheaper chicken.

Sincerely,



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