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Dr Jane E. Henney: Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
5600 Fishers Lane, Room 14-71
Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Dr Jane E Henney,

I am a student at Santa Rosa Junior College in Santa Rosa, California, and I am concerned with the use of antibiotics as livestock growth promoters. Fifty million pounds of human-use antibiotics are produced in the United States every year, and 40% of them are used on animals. 80% of that is used to promote their growth, and in turn promoting resistant bacteria strains.

I urge you to ban antibiotics as livestock growth promoters for that reason. As antibiotics are repeatedly given, bacteria become more and more resistant, often mutating into incurable strains, including tuberculosis, pneumonia, staph infections, and many more life-threatening diseases.

Myself and many other humans feel we have lost the security we once had, knowing that if we check into a hospital with a strain of bacteria, we may not come back out again. As commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, it is your job to help us feel safe about what we digest, and I don't feel safe eating much

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of the live stock now.

Please consider my letter by banning the use of antibiotics as livestock growth promoters.

Sincerely,

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