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Jane E. Henney, FDA Commissioner
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Dear Ms. Henney,

I am writing because of my concern about the widespread overuse of antibiotics and the increase in antibiotic resistant strains of bacteria. The inability of drug manufacturers to continue to develop new antibiotics to combat new resistant strains of bacteria is of great concern. Drug resistant bacteria are already causing serious illness and death in Americans, and there is every indication that this problem will get worse in the near future. My education and experience as a registered nurse makes me very aware of the implications of this growing problem, and to encourage speedy action to deal with it.

There are many actions that should be taken to slow the emergence of drug-resistant strains of bacteria. One important action is to prohibit the use of prophylactic antibiotics in animals. This inappropriate use of antibiotics is one of the major reasons why bacteria are increasingly becoming immune to existing antibiotics, a fact which has been recognized by the European Union which has banned the addition of antibiotics to animal feed.

Drug resistance is a serious problem, and one that will not be resolved without some action on the part of the U. S. government. I strongly support prohibiting the use of prophylactic antibiotics in animal feed.

Sincerely,



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