

FDA Commissioner Jane E. Henney
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Dear Commissioner Henney and Staff at FDA,

We are writing to voice our great anxiety that U.S. livestock producers routinely add medically important antibiotics to animal feed to promote growth. We are certain that you have been presented with the well researched and documented studies that show that many bacteria that cause infections are building resistance to medically important antibiotics because humans are increasingly eating food products from animals that have been fed the same antibiotics.

Please do not disregard these studies and the fact that the European Union (EU) has banned antibiotics used by humans from animal feed, which is a decision supported by our Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the World Health Organization.

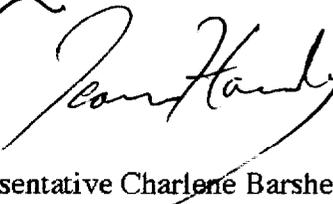
Because the U.S. seems to lag behind concerning important health issues like resistance to antibiotics, our family, and as many friends as we can influence, will not buy regular meats and poultry, but only those that have been fed organic grains and have not been treated with antibiotics.

The FDA should take the leadership role in banning livestock producers from adding medically important antibiotics to animal feed. You know the evidence supports this ban. We know that there are strong and well financed interests that oppose this ban. What will you do? Whose interests will you represent?

Please answer our questions and respond to our concerns as soon as possible. We will be meeting with a group of concerned "food safety activists" soon and hope to have your reply to share with them. We hope you are listening!

Happy Thanksgiving, and may you have a free-range, antibiotic, and hormone free turkey.

Sincerely,


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cc: U.S Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky; President William J. Clinton

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