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Jane Henney, Commissioner
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Dear Commissioner Henney:

I am writing to urge you not to allow any antibiotics to be used in livestock feed if those antibiotics are used in human medicine.

There is concern in the medical community that use of human antibiotics in livestock may reduce the effectiveness of the drugs in human beings. - a potentially very dangerous situation for public health.

Of course, the larger picture is quite disturbing - that antibiotics are necessary for livestock because of the crowded conditions, poor hygiene and unbalanced diets - which would cause disease if left untreated. These conditions should be improved to reduce the need for antibiotics - This is both a medical and a moral issue - but perhaps beyond the scope of the FDA.

Sincerely yours,

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