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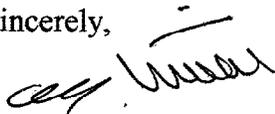
Dear Commissioner:

Please follow the lead of the European Union and immediately ban animal uses of growth-promoting antibiotics used in human medicine.

Overuse of antibiotics as growth promoters in livestock has been linked to the emergence of antibiotic-resistant diseases. Many of the drugs used to enhance growth in chickens, pigs, and cattle are the same as, or closely related to, those used to treat people.

The success enjoyed by Sweden and Denmark demonstrates that reduction of antibiotics in livestock systems need not come at the expense of the livestock industry or consumer pocketbooks.

Sincerely,



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