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Dear Dr. Henney

It is well documented by scientists that overuse of antibiotics as growth promoters in livestock has been linked to the emergence of antibiotic-resistant diseases. As you know many of the drugs used to enhance growth in cattle, pigs, and chickens are the same as or closely related to those used to treat humans.

The European Union has banned all growth-promoting uses of antibiotics used by humans. However, the FDA has taken no action against drugs currently in use. It has merely begun a series of meeting to discuss possible restriction on new approvals of antibiotics.

I urge you to promote the position of the European Union here in the United States. Otherwise it appears to be yet another instance of corporations dictating public policy which is always disappointing. Please act immediately to ban animal uses of growth-promoting antibiotics used in human medicine. Public health will benefit from such a ban. Dare to say no to the drug companies.

I look forward to your response.

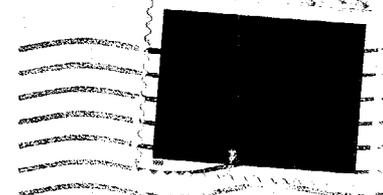
Sincerely,

  
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