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Dear Dr. Henney:

I am writing to urge you in the strongest terms to follow the European Community's lead and move to ban

- ◇ the use of antibiotics as growth promoters in livestock and
- ◇ the sale of genetically-modified foods.

The overuse of antibiotics has given rise to the emergence of antibiotic-resistant diseases rendering once-treatable infectious diseases difficult, if not impossible to control. This overuse of these medicines has caused them to become part of the problem.

Genetically modified food is a great unknown with potentially serious consequences. Witness the young man who recently died as a direct result of gene therapy.

Antibiotics and deliberately altered genes, especially without full disclosure to the public, have no business being in our food chain.

Respectfully yours,



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