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Dr. Jane Henney, Commissioner  
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Dear Dr. Henney:

It is shocking and incomprehensible to me that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, which prides itself on moving rapidly to protect public health, is lagging far behind Europe in protecting people against the greatest health threat in decades -- reversal of the antibiotic miracle due to overuse in livestock-raising.

It is hard to avoid the conclusion that the FDA is knuckling under to the greed of agribusiness and pharmaceutical firms, since there is no economic justification for continuing this murderous assault on modern medicine. Europe has proven beyond an atom of doubt that banning the use of antibiotics for mere growth enhancement has only good effects -- forcing farmers and ranchers to adopt more efficient, more humane stockraising methods at virtually no cost to the consumer.

I would not want to be in the FDA's shoes the day some Congressman's child dies of a once-curable disease.

I strongly urge you to take immediate, implacable action to save my children's lives and to save the FDA from the wrath of an angry nation. Ban the use of antibiotics as growth-enhancers in livestock raising...and do it now, please.

Yours truly,

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