

To:

Jane Henney, M.D.,
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Dear Dr. Henney:

I understand your organization has begun a series of hearings to discuss possible restrictions on new approvals of antibiotics used on livestock. I urge your team to follow the lead of the European Union and, **immediately ban animal the use of growth-promoting antibiotics used in human medicine.**

I also urge your team to perform further evaluations on the new introductions of genetically engineered crops. The European Union has demonstrated prudence ahead of corporate profits by banning approvals of them until additional evaluations are performed by year 2002. There are too many, potential harmful consequences we are risking by tampering with Mother Nature. The unknown long-term affects are far too risky to justify such usage.

Please consider promoting organic sustainable farming methods as an alternative method. Those methods are proven to have far less damage on our precious water supplies than, conventional methods. Organic farming provides substantially greater assurances that our food sources and environment will be safer for generations to come.

Your attention and actions on these matters is strongly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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