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Dear Doctor Henney,

I am writing to urge that antibiotics used in human medicine be prohibited from use as growth promoters in the livestock industry. The ongoing development of antibiotic resistant strains of human pathogens makes the continued routine feeding of these antimicrobial agents a clear present danger to public health. It is now time for the FDA to take action on the finding of the Centers for Disease Control regarding the major cause of antibiotic resistance in food borne illness and raise the level of protection afforded to our population to that enjoyed by residents of the European Union. By so doing, your agency will help protect our health and also help counteract the widespread perception among Europeans that food from the United States is unsafe and undesirable. It is in the long term best interest of both the general population and the export oriented livestock industry that this dangerous practice be banned immediately.

Sincerely,

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