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Commissioner Jane Henney, M.D.  
Food and Drug Administration  
5600 Fishers Lane, Room 1471  
Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Commissioner Henney,

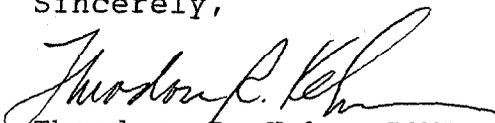
I urge you to prohibit the use of all growth-promoting antibiotics in the production of food for human consumption in the United States. Such use is encouraging development of drug-resistant strains of microorganisms against which antibiotics used to treat human diseases are becoming less effective.

The European Union countries have prohibited such use by their producers of animals for human consumption without adverse economic effect and the same is possible here.

As a health care professional I see more potent and dangerous antibiotics being used in patients because of developing drug tolerance in disease organisms.

Please lend your support to banning all further use of growth-promoting antibiotics used in human medicine by animal producers raising animals for our consumption.

Sincerely,

  
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