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

As I fight one more chronic sinus infection for which I finally took an antibiotic, I pause to reflect on the chronic congestion and debilitating pain, and increased loss of work time I'd experience if antibiotics became ineffective. A rise in infectious untreatable diseases is certainly possible.

I am very concerned about the overuse of antibiotics as growth promoters in livestock. As you know, this has been linked to the emergence of antibiotic resistant diseases. Many of the drugs used to enhance growth in chickens, pigs, and cattle are the same, or closely related to, those used to treat people.

I urge you to follow the European Union's lead and move immediately to ban animal uses of growth-promoting antibiotics used in human medicine.

Sincerely,



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