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Dear Dr. Henney:

I am very concerned that the FDA has continued to support its approval of Monsanto's recombinant bovine growth hormone, despite serious health concerns for cows and humans.

I am writing to request that the FDA immediately suspend Monsanto's license to market rBGH/Posilac until:

- 1) FDA makes public the full studies performed to date by Monsanto and the U.S. government on the health risks of rBGH to cows and humans.
- 2) FDA requires that Monsanto performs longer, more detailed toxicology, immunology, fertility and antibiotic-resistance tests and demonstrates a "no adverse effect" level for rBGH, instead of just "manageable risk."
- 3) FDA establishes an independent panel without employment or consulting ties to Monsanto or the dairy industry to reassess all of the health studies to date, including rBGH's impact on levels of IGF-1 and their relation to increased cancer risks.

It is unconscionable that FDA approved Monsanto's application for this drug (which isn't designed to cure any diseases) without meeting the above criteria. You are now putting the entire milk supply and Americans' health under undue risk. Please protect the public -- not the money interests of the corporate elite!

Sincerely,



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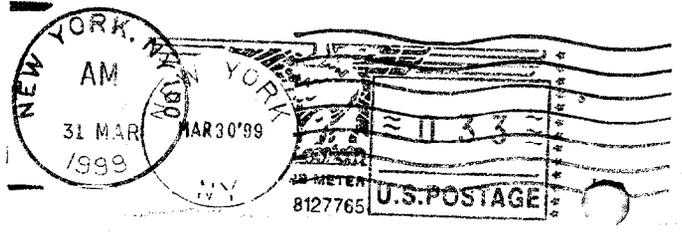
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