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Dear Deputy Commissioner Friedman:

The Canadian government's review of Monsanto's application to use recombinant bovine growth hormone brings the US FDA's approval of the drug into question. The Canadian scientists not only found adverse effects in cows, but many potential human health risks as well.

Despite Monsanto's pressure for approval in other countries, the US is the only nation to approve rBGH use within its borders. Instead of requiring submission and analysis of the raw data from all safety studies, the FDA violated of its own policy by basing its approval entirely on a summary of the study provided by Monsanto.

Clearly, the FDA must immediately ban the use of rBGH until it can conduct a new and thorough review of this drug that affects nearly every person in the United States through domestic dairy products.

Sincerely,



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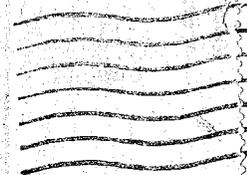
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