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Dear Sirs:

It is my understanding that a petition (Docket #99P-4613) has been filed with the Food and Drug Administration to ban the use of genetically engineered Bovine Growth Hormone on dairy cows.

I urge that you act on Docket #99P-4613 to prevent the use of unhealthy and inhumane BGH on dairies. I would like to point out that these hormones get into the human systems too and build up and cause our DNA to mutate which in turn causes mutations in human children. Look at how many children today are on Ridlin, have chronic ear infections, etc.

A recent analysis of New York dairy farms conducted by Cornell University agricultural economists found that although BGH increased the amount of milk produced by dairy cows, the hormone was not profitable because of increased costs of production.

Please support the ban on Bovine Growth Hormones in cattle and any other animal which they may be used on. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

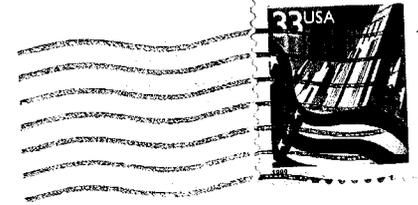
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