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Dear Dr. Henney,

I am very concerned and worried about losing the healing effects of many of the antibiotics we have become dependent on.

The same antibiotics that the medical community uses to combat infections are also being used by the meat industry, not only to treat infections, but to foster more rapid growth. This is a greed motive to get animals to market sooner. You and I know that bacteria develop resistance to many antibiotics, which then can no longer be used to combat human illness.

For too long, your agency has

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been "studying" the problem.
The time for action is now.

I urge you to prohibit the use
of antibiotics as growth promoters.
The European Union has already
acted on this. The World Health
Organization repeated its call last summer
for "termination or rapid phasing out
of the use of antimicrobials for growth
promotion if they are also used for
treatment of humans."

Very truly yours,

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