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Jane Henney, M.D., Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
5600 Fishers Lane, Room 1471
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Dear Dr. Henney,

I am writing regarding my concern with the use of human antibiotics to make livestock grow faster. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention considers the overuse of antibiotics in animal agriculture the main cause of antibiotic resistance in food-borne bacteria like salmonella (One strain of salmonella is now resistant to five strains of antibiotics.) and campylobacter.

In June 2000 the World Health Organization repeated its request for the termination/rapid phasing out of antimicrobials for growth promotion if they are also used to treat humans. The European Union, heeding this call to global civic duty, bans all growth-promoting uses of antibiotics having a role in human medicine. Please follow their example in this situation.

Respectfully yours,



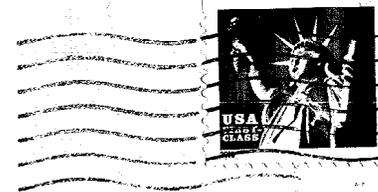
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