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Dear Commissioner Henney:

Do follow the European Union in banning animal uses of growth-promoting antibiotics used in human medicine.

Overuse of antibiotics as growth promoters in livestock has been linked to the emergence of antibiotic-resistant diseases.

Many of the drugs used to enhance growth in chickens, pigs, and cattle are the same as or closely related to, those used to treat humans.

Success enjoyed by Sweden + Denmark demonstrates that reduction in antibiotic use in livestock systems need not come at the expence of the livestock industry or consumer pocketbooks. Benefits to public health in continued availability of life-saving antibiotics are well worth both study and action.

Sincerely,
Warren + Olive Wilson

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