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Dear Dr. Henney,

As a nurse-practitioner I am concerned about the FDA's lack of leadership in protecting the long-term health of the American public in the following areas:

1) widespread routine use of antibiotics in livestock;
2) use of growth-hormone in beef & milk cows;
3) genetically-engineered foods.

All of these technologies have large potential (not-outlandish) risks in long-term use, yet are not restricted by the FDA. Why are they not required to be proven safe before release?

Please use your influence to reverse the current policies that protect business interests but not social or environmental interests.

Thank you,

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