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Dr. Jane Henney, Commissioner
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Dear Commissioner Henney:

I am writing to urge you to ban the use of human antibiotics in animal feeds. I understand that the widespread use of antibiotics for this purpose has accelerated the evolution of antibiotic-resistant microbles and consequently increased the threat to human health.

I feel particularly threatened because I have lived with a kidney transplant for nearly seventeen years. While my transplant has been very successful, I have been hospitalized once for pneumonia and have required antibiotics on other occasions to fight bacterial infections. Therefore, should I be unlucky enough to acquire an antibiotic-resistant infection, I would feel justified in blaming the business and governmental regulatory practices in this

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country for any serious or fatal consequences of my disease. - My feelings, and those of my survivors if the worst should happen, would be particularly inflamed by the belief that my illness, and probably the illnesses of many other people, was caused by people seeking a few percentage points of profit without regard to the public safety.

I hope you will consider the future health of organ transplant patients in this country, for whose benefit large amounts of public and private medical insurance money has already been spent, as well as the health of all others whose immune systems may be compromised for various reasons.

Sincerely,

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