Dear Commissioner: 29. May 1999.

Antibiotic resistance has become a grave threat to human health because of overuse of antibiotics. They prescribed by doctors frequently by request of patients, many of whom do not know that they are effective only against bacterial infections and not against viral infections, such as the common cold.

80% of antibiotica are used in agriculture to increase production in healthy animals, not as a cure against disease.

Many antibiotica have become ineffective. Newer ones, such as fluoroquinolones, should only be approved by FDA narrowly for treating Salmonella infections and not for use in poultry feed.

The wide spread use of antibiotics in agriculture should be banned as feed additives. Overuse of antibiotics in human medicine must be curtailed, consistent with recommendations of WHO and the Centers of Disease Control.

I urge you to propose and enforce strong recommendations against the use of many antibiotics. Thank you.

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