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I am compelled to write you about my concerns with three issues. Docket # 98N-1038

1) I am against the use of antibiotics by U.S. agribusiness. I agree with the Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization and their call for an end to the use of drugs for growth promotion in animals if the drugs are also used in the treatment of human diseases.

2) I am against the use of hormones added to meat. I want hormone tainted beef to be labeled as such. Why are the reports of the European Union scientific panel about the harmful and carcinogenic effects of banned hormones not concided for the safety of U.S. meat consumers?

3) I want the right to know if my food has been irradiated. I want the irradiated food to be labeled with a prominent "radura" symbol. I want the meat industry to clean up their slaughter houses, stop feeding antibiotics and rendered animal protein to livestock and increasing the number of federal meat inspectors.

In closing the FDA requirement for irradiation disclosure both the label & the radura symbol should not expire.

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