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Dr. Jane Henney, Commissioner
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Dear Dr. Henney:

I am writing in regard to the use of antibiotics in agriculture. It is a well-known fact that the indiscriminant and non-essential use of antibiotics in poultry, hog and cattle feed has led to serious anti-biotic resistance in many disease carrying bacteria.

In view of the fact that the World Health Organization recommended ending this use in animal feed of all antibiotics used in medicine and the fact that the use of four antibiotics in animal feed was banned throughout Europe last year, one must wonder why the FDA has failed to follow suit. The over-use of these drugs in our country dangerously increases the possibility that they will become ineffective when needed to treat people.

Therefore I urge you to revoke FDA approval for use of at least 6 antibiotic drugs in animal feed consistent with recommendations of the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control.

Sincerely
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