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Dr. Jane Henney, Commissioner
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Dear Dr. Henney —

I am not a microbiologist but I have a good friend who is, Dr. Mary Sword, and I have a Ph D in plant pathology, University of Wisconsin.

I have read about the development of resistance to antibiotics fed to livestock in bacteria. There is now a huge reservoir of them.

Bacteria resistant to a fluoroquinolone often used to treat severe gastroenteritis have been matched by DNA fingerprinting with resistant strains from chickens in sick people in Minnesota.

About 1/3 of all antibiotics made in the US each year are added to animal feed for cheaper gains.

WHO recommends a ban on use of medically important antibiotics to promote animal growth.

Please favor sick children over cheap chicken. I support the petition of the Union of Concerned Scientists

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Thank you.

Sincerely yours
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