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Dear Dr. Henney:

Misuse and overuse of human antibiotics in agriculture has caused serious resistance in disease-causing organisms, to such an extent that the World Health Organization called for a ban in animal feed. As a result, four antibiotics were banned in animal feed throughout Europe, and Sweden banned all use that was not therapeutic.

These are prudent protective measures. What's wrong with my country? Our own Communicable Disease Center has called for a ban, let alone allowing consideration of any new uses of human antibiotics.

In its "Finest Hour" the FDA refused to approve thalidomide,

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thus sparing this country the malformations that brought sorrow to Europe. Where is that same courage and scientific conviction in 1999? The mission for FDA is protection of public health, not pharmaceutical industry health or agribusiness health. Please do the job you were created to do.

Sincerely,

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