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Dear FDA Commissioner Jane Henney,

I found myself astonished when I began reading about Monsanto's Bovine Growth Hormones. According to Rachel's Hazardous Waste News, one of the benefits to rBGH is the estimated 12% increase in milk production. In reality, the Federal Government has been buying the nations surplus of milk due to America's dairies have consistently produced more milk than the nation can consume, since the 1950's, states Paul Kingsnorth.

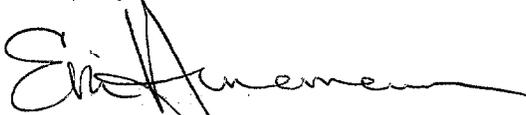
In addition to mass production of milk by American dairies due to the use of rBGH, they are posing more serious side effects to their cows and potentially humans.

- Over production of milk in cows causes them to lose weight and become more susceptible to disease.
- Cystic ovaries, uterine disorders, and mastitis, or inflammation of the udder, are some of the health implications caused in cows.
- The over use of antibiotics to treat the cows is leading to an increase in antibiotic resistance strands of bacteria.
- In humans cell stimulating growth factors like rBGH can lead to breast cancer, prostate cancer, and premature growth rate in babies, according to a study by Dr Samuel Epstein.

How can the FDA declare that rBGH is officially safe when studies show that it poses health implications to both cattle and humans? Why does the FDA feel that labeling products rBGH treated is unfairly discriminating against Monsanto? More importantly, why is the government spending four times the amount buying surplus milk, than Monsanto is making? When it poses health risk to consumers and the majority of them prefer not to drink milk-containing rBGH.

I would appreciate if you could please send me information answering my questions so that I may better understand why the FDA is standing beside a product the clearly appears to be a health risk for humans.

Sincerely,



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