Commissioner Henney -

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I'd like to encourage you to take a strong stance against the overuse of antibiotics as growth promoters in livestock.

Your department, the agricultural dept. and the agricultural industries' main concern should be in producing good, clean, and healthy foods. Not in how quickly, cheaply and sometimes under horrible conditions you can shove something out the door.

Quality should be the guiding word, not quantity. Quality, not how much money can I make with the least amount of effort.

It's no secret, there are many antibiotic-resistant diseases now and surely more on the way. We have overused antibiotics in human health and by doing the same with animals

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we are creating an atmosphere where we will see a rise in untreatable infectious disease. The CDC has been warning about this for some time.

The EU sees the threat and is doing something about it. And their livestock industry has remained productive and profitable.

You should follow suit. Your job is not to protect the livestock industry, your job is to do what is right and in the best interest of the American people and their health.

I would also urge you weigh in on the issue of genetically altered crops. No one knows enough about the effects of genetically altered foods on human health and the environment. To allow Monsanto and others to continue is wrong. There needs to be more research,

More guide lines and safety nets in place before genetically engineered foods are approved.
The American people are not to be used as guinea pigs for agri-business.

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