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Dr. Jane E. Henney, Commissioner
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Dear Dr. Henney:

I would like to take this opportunity to urge you to support a ban on antibiotics as livestock growth promoters. Over the last three years, I have had personal experience with bacterial infections that resisted common antibiotics, forcing me to take newer, stronger antibiotics for simple infections (caused in one case by a minor razor cut). My reactions to the stronger antibiotics alarmed me to the point of resisting using them again.

For many years I have heard doctors' warnings about overuse of antibiotics and have never taken them in a casual way. Now I realize my conservative approach hasn't mattered at all. It doesn't even matter that I don't eat a great deal of meat. I have no control over the development of resistant bacteria that has been aided by the indiscriminate use of antibiotics in animal feed. Aren't there enough health risks out there that would be harder to ameliorate?

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



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