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Jane Henney, M.D., Commissioner  
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5600 Fishers Lane, Room 1471  
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Dear Ms. Henney,

I am writing you to urge the FDA to ban animal uses of growth-promoting antibiotics used in human medicine.

Overuse of antibiotics as growth-promoters in livestock has been linked to the emergence of antibiotic-resistant strains of bacteria. For a small economic gain to livestock growers, the public health is increasingly put at risk.

The European Union has already taken decisive action and banned all growth-promoting uses of antibiotics in human medicine. I hope you will resist the intimidation of drug companies looking out only for their own profits and follow the European Union's lead as quickly as possible.

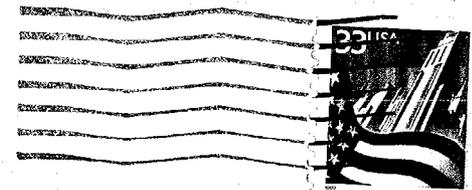
Sincerely

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