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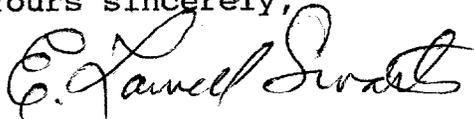
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Jane Henny, M.D.
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Dear Commissioner Henny:

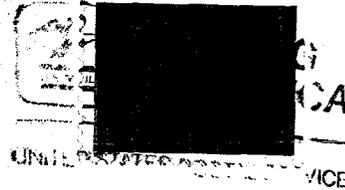
I and my wife, grandparents of four small children have become concerned over the use of antibiotics in feed for poultry and beef. We read authoritative warnings of the likely decrease in effectiveness of medicines in treating human illnesses as bacteria or viruses are made more immune by the massive use of antibiotics in animal feeds. We also are aware of the ban placed by the European Union on importation of meats from the United States that have been grown using antibiotics. We decry the massive lobbying efforts of companies such as Monsanto (to name but one) to force antibiotic-treated (and genetically-modified) foods upon us. we strongly urge you to ban animal uses of the growth-promoting antibiotics that we depend upon for treating human illness.

Yours sincerely,



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