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To the FDA:

Please accept these petitions as an expression of our real concern about the overuse of antibiotics in agriculture. Our Physicians for adults and children, especially children, are warning us about the waning effectiveness of these drugs today. They tell us that the bacteria and viruses that have been adapting for literally billions of years, are developing new survival mechanisms and are becoming ineffective in the healing processes.

We urge you to create a national antibiotic-use reporting system now. The scope of this problem must come to light so it can be corrected.

Sincerely,

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