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Food and Drug Administration
Rm. 1061
5630 Fisher Ln.
Rockville, Maryland 20825

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Re. Comment on framework issue Docket # 98_D-1146.
Banning sale of Antibiotics to farmers

Dear Sir/Madam:

This proposed ban would cause an extreme hardship for the following reasons,

Our closest Licensed Veterinarian is 50 miles away and the next one is the state veterinarian in Columbus, Ohio, 190 miles away.

Herdsman and farmers in my area feel we use these antibiotics as intended; disease and injury; not as a feed or growth additive.

A ban usually results in a black market with an unknown and untested product being used.

My last point is that without these antibiotics animals may have to be needlessly destroyed (in our case without veterinarian assistance) or being sent to slaughter in a diseased condition.

Respectfully,
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