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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
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Re: Docket #98D-1146 -- Proposed Framework for Evaluating and Assuring the Human Safety of the Microbial Effects of Anti-microbial New Animal Drugs Intended for Use in Food Producing Animals

To whom it may concern:

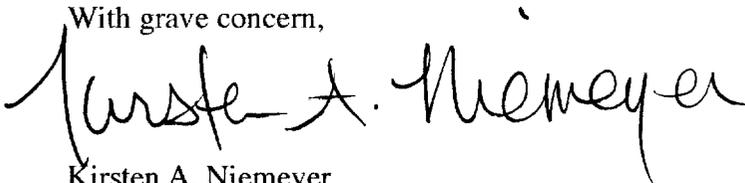
I'd like to write a detailed and articulate letter, but I can't take the time -- I have a full-time job, a 9-year-old daughter, a husband, a house and a dog.

And, it's all of this that I fear you're going to destroy unless the FDA shows some leadership on the use of antibiotics in livestock feed.

I understand that currently at issue is the FDA approval of *new* drugs. I would like to urge you to ban the use of ALL antibiotics in livestock feed throughout the United States. Failure to do so is the equivalent of waging time-delayed biological warfare on the very population you have been charged to protect.

The consequences of your lack of action will be felt in coming years, especially by me and my husband as we age, and by my daughter's future children, who will be born 15 to 30 years from now.

With grave concern,



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cc: Senator Barbara Boxer
Senator Dianne Feinstein
Congressmember Ellen O. Tauscher

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