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FROM: Ms. Beverly A. Huntsberger, Altadena, CA

RE: Docket No. 98D-1146-Discussion Paper: "A Proposed Framework for Evaluating and Assuring the Human Safety of the Microbial Effects of Antimicrobial New Animal Drugs Intended for Use in Food-Producing Animals." (64 Fed. Reg. 887, Jan. 6, 1999).

To Whom it May Concern:

Our nation's health and well being are neither improved nor enhanced by the routine addition of antibiotics to livestock feed. On the contrary, this is a serious, unacceptable and unjustified risk.

- The FDA should restrict the use of antibiotics in food-animal production based on concerns about antibiotic resistance.
- The FDA's proposed scheme for categorizing antibiotics does not adequately protect human health.
- The FDA should require that drug-sales information be submitted to the agency.

In short, the FDA should recognize the seriousness of this threat and err on the side of long-term, health and safety of our citizens.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

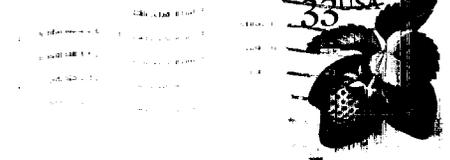


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