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Commissioner Jane E. Henney
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Dear Commissioner Henney,

The FDA's approval of Posilac (rBST) is based on the premise that Monsanto's formula would not change, also that rBST is destroyed by the pasturization process. Insulin Growth Factor-1, which is increased by up to 80% by rBGH, was also supposed to be destroyed by pasteurization. The FDA's own study showed that only 19% of the rBGH and IGF-1 were destroyed instead of the 90% claimed. And the test heated the milk for 30 minutes instead of the 15 seconds of regular pasteurization.

If Monsanto's rBGH formula, tested and approved by the FDA, was different from the one now on the market, then the entire FDA approval process is invalid.

The European Union tried to ban the use of rBGH in 1994 after a study of the impact of rBGH use on animal welfare and public health. Monsanto and our government sought to counter the European actions by having the ban declared an illegal restraint of trade under GATT. Because of complications, the Gatt complaint was stopped. Now it appears that rBGH should be reconsidered!

This information came from Animal Welfare Institute.

Sincerely,

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