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Dear Dr. Sundlof

The government of Canada's refusal to approve the use of BGH for their dairy cows shows a concern for the animals' health that is sadly lacking here in the US.

Here, where one-third are treated with BGH, milk production is increased at painful expense to the animals. Grotesque swellings of their udders occur from mastitis, and they suffer lameness in their hind legs and disorders of their ovaries. The antibiotics used to treat them ultimately failing, their shortened lives end in slaughter, to which many are dragged, unable to stand.

The California office of The Fund for Animals strongly urges that approval for BGH be withdrawn.

Sincerely

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