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Jane Henney, M.D., Commissioner  
Food and Drug Administration  
5600 Fishers Lane, Room 1471  
Rockville, MD 20857

Re: banning use of human antibiotics for enhancing livestock growth

Dear Dr. Henney:

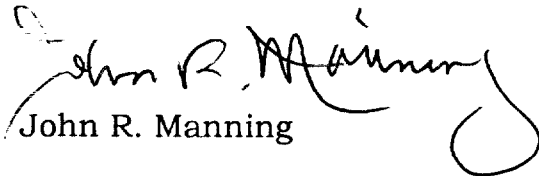
I am writing to express my grave concern that the United States has not joined the European Union in banning all growth-promoting uses of antibiotics that have a role in human medicine.

In June of last year, the World Health Organization repeated its call for the "termination or rapid phasing out of the use of antimicrobials for growth promotion if they are also used for treatment of humans."

It appears that the FDA is foot-dragging on this issue, presumably in response from lobbying from large agricultural interests. Meanwhile, how many diseases will become untreatable as a result?

Thank you for your consideration of my views.

Yours truly,

  
John R. Manning

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