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Dear Jane Penney:

I urge the Food and Drug Administration to ban the use of human antibiotics to make livestock develop sooner. There is no time to lose.

Many of the drugs doctors use to treat food illnesses such as food poisoning, staphylococcal infections, salmonella and campylobacter are the same antibiotics that are injected in great quantities in healthy animals. Now people are becoming immune to these antibiotics and doctors have fewer tools to treat human diseases.

The European Union and the World Health Organization have called repeatedly for the rapid phasing out of antimicrobials, including antibiotics if they are also used in treating humans. The FDA is delaying the implementation while many diseases will become untreatable.

This practice affects our foreign trade, also, because there is no market in the world for these treated animals from the United States.

I would appreciate hearing from you about your views on this topic. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Concerned Citizen

P.S. This letter is being sent at the request of the Union of Concerned Scientists and my own concerns.

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