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Dear Commissioner Henney,

I am writing in support of consumer petition docket 99P-4613, concerning recombinant bovine growth hormone. I believe the FDA should revoke its approval of this sythetic hormone - there is enough evidence questioning its safety that its approval is really not justified. I am concerned that the use of rBGH dramatically increases the amount of IGF-1 in milk, which causes or promotes prostate and breast cancer. I am also concerned that we really know relatively little yet about how hormones function in the body, and what we do know is that these systems are delicate and hoave profound effects. We should not be using the whole population of this country - especially our children, who are encouraged to drink a lot of milk - as guinea pigs to find out what the further effects might be. Economically, rBGH pushes the dairy indsutry toward further consolidation, destroying the small farmers whom this country so urgently needs to defend and strengthen. We do not need to use rBGH. I am glad to be able to buy locally produced milk free of rBGH, but not everyone has this option. Please revoke FDA approval for its use.

I look forward to your reply on this matter.

Blessings,

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