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FDA Commissioner Jane Kenney  
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Dear Commissioner Kenney:

As a physician (dermatologist), who has been in practice over 30 years, I have become more & more concerned about antibiotic resistance. I believe a great deal of this is due to feeding <sup>them to</sup> animals to allow them to become fatter more quickly - the mechanism is still not known. This allows resistant strains to be released into the environment & also to remain in the tissues of meat which has been undercooked - note the outbreaks of E coli gastroenteritides we have witnessed of late. I know the farm lobby is strong, as is that of the drug manufacturers, but I believe the health risk to people should be primary.

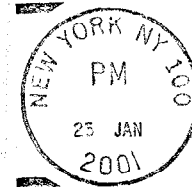
Sincerely,  
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