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RE: DOCKET NO. 00N-0001

Dear Sir or Madam:

The American Veterinary Medical Association wishes to pledge its continued cooperation to assist the FDA in strengthening its scientific base and expanding its public health reach.

The objective of the Association is to advance the science and art of veterinary medicine, including its relationship to public health, biological science, and agriculture. The Association provides a forum for the discussion of issues of importance to the veterinary profession, and for the development of official positions. The Association is the authorized voice for the profession in presenting its views to government, academia, agriculture, pet owners, the media, and other concerned publics.

An example of a recent AVMA-FDA partnership includes our successful bid on a FDA Request for Quotation to create an educational program concerning judicious use of antimicrobials by veterinarians. When the decision is reached to use antimicrobials for therapy, veterinarians should strive to optimize therapeutic efficacy and minimize resistance to antimicrobials to protect public and animal health. Our objectives are to:

- Support development of a scientific knowledge base that provides the basis for judicious therapeutic antimicrobial use.
- Support educational efforts that promote judicious therapeutic antimicrobial use.
- Preserve therapeutic efficacy of antimicrobials.
- Ensure current and future availability of veterinary antimicrobials.

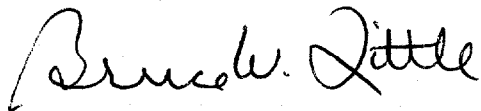
The three phase educational program will include written and graphical material – one each for swine, broiler, turkey, beef cattle, and dairy cattle veterinary practitioners; storyboard and script for a videotape presentation; and three speeches, complete with color graphics.

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The AVMA is pleased to cooperate with the FDA in communicating important public health information to veterinarians. We reaffirm our desire to be a resource to the FDA on these and other public health issues.

Sincerely,

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Bruce W. Little,
Executive Vice President

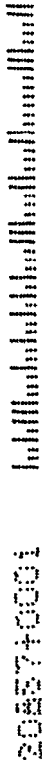
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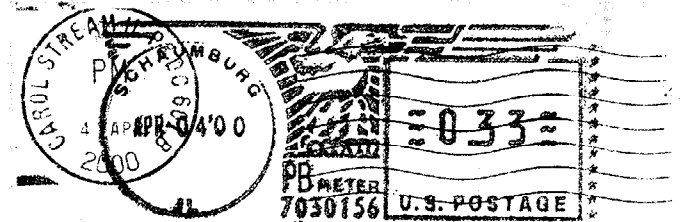
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