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Dear Commissioner:

Human health is much more important than promoting livestock growth rates. Banning use of antibiotics which are used to treat human disease in livestock feed programs to preserve their effectiveness seems like a no-brainer. I urge you to do the right thing, even if it rouses opposition from those who place profit over national health.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention considers the overuse of antibiotics in animal factories to be the principal cause of antibiotic resistance in food-borne bacteria like salmonella and campylobacter.

The European Union has already banned all growth-promoting uses of antibiotics that have a role in human medicine.

While the FDA continues to study the problem, how many more diseases will become untreatable?

I urge you to preserve the effectiveness of human antibiotics by banning their use to make livestock grow faster.

Sincerely,

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