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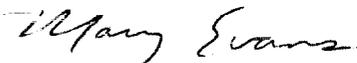
Dr. Jane Henney, M.D., Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
5600 Fishers Lane, Room 1471
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Dear Dr. Henney:

I am writing to encourage you to work to achieve an FDA ban on the use of human antibiotics in livestock growth promotion. I have been very concerned about this issue for many years. My concern is especially heightened now because my mother is currently requiring antibiotics to fight a painful, recurring infection. She has proven to be allergic to many antibiotics, and able to tolerate only a very few. If the pool of available human antibiotics were to become smaller because of overuse of antibiotics in the livestock industry, my mother and people in similar circumstances could find themselves without effective remedies for serious health problems.

Human health is so much more important than the financial health of livestock growers! Please follow the lead of the European Union, in their recent ban of all growth-promoting uses of human antibiotics.

Sincerely,



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