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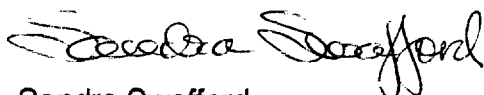
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Jane Henney, M. D., Commissioner
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Dear Doctor Henney,

For some time I have been deeply concerned about the routine addition of antibiotics to the food of farm animals to promote faster growth or to counteract the effects of overcrowding and the consequent diseases which that produces. Although I have been a vegetarian for about ten years, partly because of my attitude about the way food animals were being raised, I continue to be worried about increased antibiotic-resistance in such bacteria as salmonella and campylobacter. Certainly sick animals should have the benefit of veterinary care but please add my voice to those who urge the Food and Drug Administration to act quickly to ban the routine use of human antibiotics in the food of livestock.

Sincerely,



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