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Dr. Henney, Commissioner  
Food and Drug Administration  
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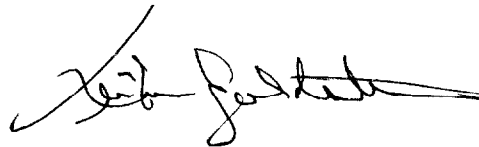
Dear Dr. Henney:

Scientists have known for almost a half a century that excessive use of antibiotics would lead to the selection of resistant mutants that could not be controlled in practical ways. Now we know that indiscriminate use of antibiotics in agriculture is posing a huge threat to human health.

I call on you to begin termination at once of the use of antimicrobials for growth promotion of animals, if those agents are also used for the treatment of human illnesses.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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