

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C.

19 September 1977

Food and Drug Administration
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20853

Sir:

The attached communication
is sent for your consideration.
Please investigate the statements
contained therein and forward me
the necessary information for re-
ply, returning the enclosed corre-
spondence with your answer.

Yours truly,

William R. Cotter
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September 14, 1977

Hon. William R. Cotter
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Congressman:

My attention has been called to a proposal by the Food and Drug Administration to restrict the use of antibiotics in feed for livestock and poultry, on the grounds of theoretical damage to human health. It is my understanding that the antibiotics are currently being used to prevent disease in animals. Of course, the health of human beings is more important to us than the health of animals; but, until it may be clearly established that the use of antibiotics to protect animal health will be detrimental to humans, I hope you will try to dissuade the Food and Drug Administration from proceeding with the proposed restriction mentioned above.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Hoskins