Antibiotic resistance is a public health crisis. Institutions such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) have warned of an impending post-antibiotic era. The CDC recently released a report about the threat of antibiotic resistance in the US, stating that “[a]ntimicrobial resistance is one of our most serious health threats.” Uses of antibiotics in both humans and animals are contributing to the problem. CDC notes that “[s]cientists around the world have provided strong evidence that antibiotic use in food-producing animals can harm public health.” Approximately 70% of medically important antibiotics in the US are currently sold for use in livestock and poultry[1] and medical and scientific groups have called for an end to the misuse and overuse of antibiotics in livestock to help combat the rise of antibiotic resistance.

The undersigned groups and individuals support the following principles for the appropriate use of antibiotics in livestock:

1. Antibiotics should only be used for therapeutic purposes when indicated to treat sick animals, and in limited circumstances to control disease outbreaks. Antibiotics should not be used to promote animal growth or for routine disease prevention.
2. Antibiotic use should be supervised by a veterinarian familiar with the premises and the animals.
3. Livestock producers should report their use of antibiotics so that oversight agencies and the public can track progress in meeting use reduction goals and identify resistance risks and trends.

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SIGNATURES

Alliance for the Prudent Use of Antibiotics
Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments
Apple Tree Farms
Applegate Natural and Organic Meats
Balbas Farms
California Council of Churches IMPACT
California League of Conservation Voters
California Public Health Association - North
California Public Interest Research Group
Catholic Health Association
Center for Food Safety
Chipotle Mexican Grill
Commonweal
Corporate Accountability International
Day Break Organics
Dignity Health
Douglas Ranch
Environmental Working Group
Farmers Guild
Food and Water Watch
Food Animals Concern Trust
Food Chain Workers Alliance
Fouch Farms
Friends of the Earth
Full of Life Farms
Gibson Canyon Farm
Grabishfarm
Hain Ranch Organics
Health Care Without Harm
Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association
Infectious Disease Association of California
Mindful Meats
Moon Meadow Natural Beef
Morris Grassfed
Natural Resources Defense Council
Orange Spring Ranch
Physicians for Social Responsibility, SF Bay Chapter
Prevention Institute
Public Health Institute
Rockside Ranch
Roots of Change
San Francisco Medical Society
Save the American River Association (SARA)
Science and Environmental Health Network
Slow Food California
Southern California Public Health Association
Ubuntu Green
V & O Ranch