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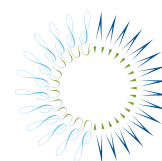
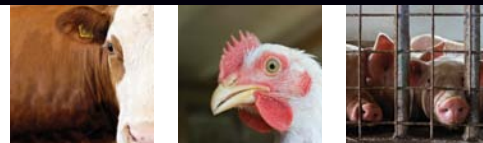
**Overuse of antibiotics on industrial farms breeds drug-resistant diseases.**

Many industrial farms today routinely feed antibiotics to healthy animals, simply to promote faster growth and to compensate for the effects of overcrowded and unsanitary conditions. In fact, up to 70 percent of all antibiotics sold in the United States are given to food animals that are not sick.\* Unfortunately, this can breed dangerous strains of bacteria that are antibiotic-resistant, and some of them can spread to people.

To help prevent more of our life-saving drugs from being rendered useless, Congress should limit the use of antibiotics in food animal production to cases where the animals are actually sick and in need of treatment.

**Support PAMTA, the Preservation of Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act (H.R.1549 and S.619).**

\*Union of Concerned Scientists estimate. See [ucsusa.org/assets/documents/food\\_and\\_agriculture/hog\\_front.pdf](http://ucsusa.org/assets/documents/food_and_agriculture/hog_front.pdf).



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