



Wisconsin Association of School Nurses

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Honorable Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin
2446 Rayburn Building
Washington DC 20515

Dear Rep. Baldwin,

The Wisconsin Association of School Nurses supports the belief that the use of antibiotics in agriculture should be therapeutic only – and that non-therapeutic use should be prohibited. Human antibiotics are far too critical to human life to simply be used preventatively or to encourage growth in food animals. Other countries have proven that farming can be done without the use of non-therapeutic antibiotics, and the Wisconsin Association of School Nurses strongly encourages Congress to pass similar measures.

While we believe that limited antibiotic use to treat sick animals is necessary and advisable, the consequences of antibiotics misuse are unjustified.

WASN supports this change because the current practice undermines the medical treatment of significant and often life-threatening infections. This change will be best for all people, for animals and especially for those who need antibiotics to be effective because their lives depend upon it.

Please consider taking action on this issue – and accept our thanks for your service and work.

Sincerely,

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