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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
25TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

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Cambridge City Council  
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City Council Members,

Thank you for the resolution your council recently passed to address the critical issue of antibiotic resistance and the role played by the overuse of antibiotics in livestock production.

I deeply appreciate your support of my bill, the Preservation of Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act (PAMTA), and for taking the initiative to recognize the importance of a national ban on nontherapeutic uses of antibiotics in animal agriculture. Over 2 million Americans are sickened each year from antibiotic resistant infections, and 23,000 die as a result. Antibiotics are key ingredients in surgeries, and scientists around the country are predicting that in as soon as ten years, common surgeries such as knee and hip replacements, cesarean sections, and dental work could become lethally dangerous due to antibiotic resistance. In a post-antibiotic world, we will see more women die in childbirth, and many more children will die in their first year of life. Common diseases like strep throat could become fatal. I cannot stress enough the importance of careful stewardship of our antibiotics.

It is through local, grassroots efforts like yours that we will make a difference in public health on a national level. Please review the attached list of organizations supporting PAMTA and encourage your Members of Congress to cosponsor this critical legislation, which I have been leading since 2007.

Your resolution of support is key to my work in Congress, and it is also a genuine source of personal encouragement.

Sincerely,

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