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**Keep Antibiotics Working Applauds Senate Farm Bill Amendment to Increase
USDA Research into Antibiotic Use on Farms**

*Amendment Would Explore Alternatives to Antibiotics and Shed Light on Growing Public
Health Threat of Antibiotic Overuse*

Washington, D.C. – Keep Antibiotics Working, a coalition of health, consumer, agricultural, environmental, animal welfare and other advocacy groups, came out in strong support today for the amendment to the Senate Farm Bill (#940) introduced late Monday by Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kirsten Gillibrand. This important amendment would require the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) to perform more research on antibiotic use practices in food animals and how it relates to antibiotic resistance trends, and look for alternatives to regular antibiotic use.

As recent [public interest group studies](#) have shown, antibiotic resistance is a growing public health crisis that is driven by antibiotic overuse, making better research about how these important drugs are being used all the more vital.

“With Americans increasingly falling ill from antibiotic-resistant bacteria, we heartily applaud Senators Gillibrand and Feinstein for doing something about it,” said David Wallinga, Senior Advisor in Science, Food and Health at the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy. “We urge their Senate colleagues to support this common sense amendment and uphold their duty to protect Americans’ health.”

If you’d like to connect with David Wallinga or other members of the Keep Antibiotics Working coalition for comment, please contact Katie Andriulli at kandriulli@mrss.com or (202) 478-6138.

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