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Dear CEO,

We are writing to congratulate you on your recent commitments to reduce the environmental impact from production of antibiotics that contributes to the spread of antimicrobial resistance, and request more details as to your specific plans to fulfill these commitments.

As you know, without industry-wide changes to waste management practices, antibiotic pollution effectively remains a backdoor to antimicrobial resistance. Pharmaceutical pollution in the context of antimicrobial resistance means that local pollution can create a global health threat. Your commitments are groundbreaking in both acknowledging this oft-overlooked issue and creating an opportunity for real change within the industry. Pledging to self-regulate, creating a framework for antibiotic discharge management, promoting transparency and establishing specific targets to reduce this waste are all important in stemming the spread of antimicrobial resistance.

Though we are encouraged by your commitments, we hope you can outline specific plans and answers to the following questions:

- What are your specific reduction goals for 2020?
- Why was 2020, and not an earlier date, chosen?
- What action are you taking immediately to discourage pollution in your supply chains?
- How will you ensure transparency in your supply chains?

We would greatly appreciate a timely response to these questions.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss this issue further, please contact Casey Farrington at (202) 899-2634 ext. 105 or [casey@waxmanstrategies.com](mailto:casey@waxmanstrategies.com).

Sincerely,

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