

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE)
COUNCIL, INC.; CENTER FOR SCIENCE)
IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST; FOOD)
ANIMAL CONCERNS TRUST; PUBLIC)
CITIZEN, INC.; and UNION OF)
CONCERNED SCIENTISTS, INC.,)

Plaintiffs,)

v.)

UNITED STATES FOOD AND DRUG)
ADMINISTRATION; MARGARET)
HAMBURG, in her official capacity as)
Commissioner, United States Food and Drug)
Administration; CENTER FOR)
VETERINARY MEDICINE; BERNADETTE)
DUNHAM, in her official capacity as)
Director, Center for Veterinary Medicine;)
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF)
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; and)
KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, in her official)
capacity as Secretary, United States)
Department of Health and Human Services,)

Defendants.)

11 CIV 3562 (THK)
ECF Case

**DECLARATION OF
JASANNA BRITTON**

I, Jasanna Britton, declare as follows:

1. I have been a member of the Natural Resources Defense Council since 2007. I live in New York City.
2. I have two children, a two-year-old daughter and a one-year-old son.
3. I have been concerned about the problem of antibiotic resistance for years. When I first heard that the overuse of antibiotics was causing bacteria to become drug-resistant, I stopped using antibacterial sprays and cleaners. I try not to use antibiotics myself unless I really

need them. Although I worry about antibiotic resistance as a larger societal problem, I am particularly concerned about the health of my children. As a mom, I'm much more cautious about my children's health than my own.

4. From talking with friends and reading articles online, I have learned that antibiotics are fed to healthy livestock, which contributes to the problem of antibiotic resistance. I worry that my kids will be exposed to drug-resistant bacteria in meat and become very ill.

5. Because of these concerns, my family has reduced our meat intake. When my children eat meat, I try to make sure I know where it comes from so that I can avoid meat from animals that were fed antibiotics. Ever since my kids started eating solid foods, I have tried to buy only organic or antibiotic-free meat. As a result, I spend more money per pound of meat than I otherwise would.

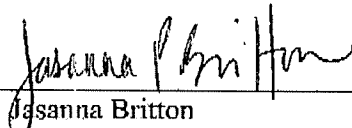
6. Because of my concerns about drug-resistant bacteria in meat, I also spend more time cooking than I otherwise would. My husband or I prepare organic or antibiotic-free meat for the family about three to four times a week. My husband and I also eat meat from restaurants about two to three times a week, but because we usually don't know the source of the meat, we don't let our kids eat it. Instead, I almost always cook separately for the kids. It would be easier if everyone could eat the same thing.

7. During the summer, my family spends about two months in Montauk, New York. In Montauk, we buy our groceries at the IGA, which does not carry organic meat. As a result, we eat less meat in Montauk than we would like to, and we very occasionally let our kids eat non-organic meat there. From what I've heard and read online, I assume that most non-organic meat comes from animals that were fed antibiotics, and I worry that it might be contaminated with drug-resistant bacteria that could make my kids sick.

8. I would let my kids eat more non-organic meat than they do now, and I'd feel better about them eating any kind of meat, if I knew that farmers were no longer allowed to feed antibiotics to healthy animals. Even if farmers only had to stop using some antibiotics that are also important to human medicine, I'd definitely feel safer.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Executed on September 30, 2011, at New York, New York.



Jasanna Britton