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Dear *Brendan*

It is important to let you know of plans by officials at the Department of Agriculture (DAFM) to introduce legislation which will force me to get a veterinary prescription from a vet each time I wish to buy an essential parasite treatment medicine from my local chemist, licenced merchant or Co-op outlet. This is not acceptable as it will lead to increased costs, more paperwork and it is not easy to contact a vet during busy times of the season. In other European countries where this has happened routine medicine costs have gone up by 40%.

The Minister for Agriculture can and must put a stop to this. It is another unnecessary attack on our livelihood and that of the 150,000 family farms in the country. As a member of a government party, it is time for you and your colleagues to say enough is enough.

You and your party have enjoyed my families support over the generations, something that may not be forthcoming if our livelihood continues to be attacked. The politicians in government will lose my support and that of my families and put at risk the entire rural vote if you do not act on our behalf now.

Yours sincerely,

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