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Concern: Motion for Resolution on Antimicrobial Resistance, being voted on 14 September 2021.

Dear Member of the European Parliament,
Dear Mr Häusling,

Next week, the European Parliament will be voting on an important Motion for Resolution on Antimicrobial Resistance. This motion is key for 3 million nurses in the EU, since in our work we are dealing with Antibiotics and its resistance development every single day. Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) has been high on the political agenda of many international and European institutions/Organisations, including the European Federation of Nurses Associations (EFN). AMR has many aspects that can be dealt with, and a lot of emphasis has until now been put on reducing antibiotics used in animal husbandry at a European level, while at a global level the focus is on education of the public and professionals on the matter. AMR is a professional and political challenge that requires the engagement of the frontline nurses.

Therefore, the EFN strongly supports your Motion for Resolution on Antimicrobial Resistance. We understand that some pressure of certain interested parties can put this Resolution at stake, as such, we are sending you this letter of support from the EFN, the frontline nurses, which I hope can convince your colleagues in the European Parliament to vote in favour of the Resolution. For the EFN it is critically important that antibiotics are available for humans. These should not be used massively in the farming industry. Overusing antibiotic drugs to treat farm animals will worsen the global problem of antimicrobial resistance (AMR), which is a silent pandemic.

Thank you for your hard work and I hope the vote on 14/9 supports the Resolution.
Yours sincerely,

Dr Paul De Raeve
EFN Secretary General

For your information: The European Federation of Nurses' Associations (EFN) represents over 36 National Nurses' Associations and its work impacts on the daily work of 6 million nurses throughout the European Union and Europe. The EFN is the independent voice of the nursing profession and its mission is to strengthen the status and practice of the profession of nursing for the benefit of the health of the citizens and the interests of nurses in the EU & Europe.