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**Oregon Progressive Party
Position on Bill at 2017
Session of Oregon Legislature:**

SB 785: Support

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party (OPP) strongly supports this bill, which bans use of medically important antibiotics on food-producing animals without a determination of a licensed veterinarian that its provision is necessary to control the spread of disease or infection, to treat a disease, or as part of surgical or other medical procedures.

Considering the anti-science and anti-public health orientation of the Trump Administration, we cannot trust federal authorities in this field.

OPP opposes the -1 Amendment, which would eliminate the requirement of determination by a licensed veterinarian. It would allow livestock producers to apply medically important antibiotics, based on their own opinions. That would amount to no change from the current situation. It would also transfer authority for administration from the Oregon Health Authority to the State Department of Agriculture, with its built-in conflicts of interest. It also adds to the allowable criteria: "preventing disease." This means it allows the antibiotics to be applied to healthy animals having no disease.

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