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Commissioner Henney, as a concerned resident I would like to inform you that I am uncomfortable with the F.D.A.'s decision to allow antibiotics to be used in livestock feed. I understand that it is important to keep our livestock healthy, but I do not feel it is necessary to use antibiotics on healthy cows to improve growth. It is my understanding that as an antibiotic is used more frequently it becomes less potent because of the resistant bacterial strains that develop. It is also my understanding that nearly one half of the antibiotics used in the United States are put into animal feed. I feel that this is detrimental to public health because it undermines the ability of antibiotics to protect human lives.

I feel that the F.D.A. should follow the European example and ban a good portion of the antibiotics used in livestock feed. I personally do not want any of my loved ones to contract any illness that cannot be treated because of antibiotic overuse, and I am sure you feel the same. I hope you understand my position on this issue and take it into consideration the next time the F.D.A. has to make such a monumental decision. We are all putting our faith in you to do what is best for the people not just for agriculture and drug company profit.

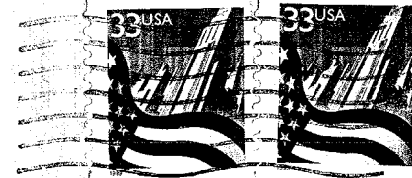
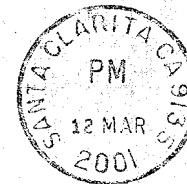
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