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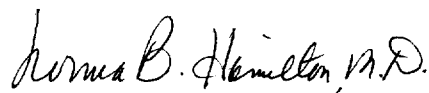
Dear Dr. Henney,

As a physician and member of the Union of Concerned Scientists I want to express my grave concern about the use of antibiotics in livestock. This practice unnecessarily compromises the efficacy of antibiotic treatment in humans and has contributed to the growing problem of antibiotic resistance and lost human lives. This very serious problem threatens future health care in America. To prevent the development of even more widespread resistance it is critical that this practice be banned as it has been already in the European Union.

In your capacity I believe you now have the opportunity to make a major contribution to human health by banning the use of medically prescribed antibiotics in livestock thus protecting your fellow citizens from the threat of increasing drug resistance.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

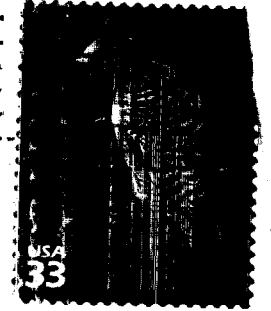


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