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Jane Henney, M.D., Commissioner  
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Dear Commissioner Henney,

I am writing to urge you to take immediate action to terminate the use of antibiotics in animal feed.

It is an unnecessary use of life-saving drugs in animal feed that unfortunately has severe adverse repercussions for humans.

Other public health agencies have already recognized this importance of this issue. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, of which I am a strong supporter, recognizes that the overuse of antibiotics in animal feed as the primary cause of antibiotic resistance of salmonella. The European Union has banned antibiotics used in humans for these uses in animals. Unfortunately the FDA in this instance has allowed the public health of the people of this country to be jeopardized by inaction on this issue.

I urge you to take action on behalf of the health of people in this country by immediately ending the use of antibiotics in animal feed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

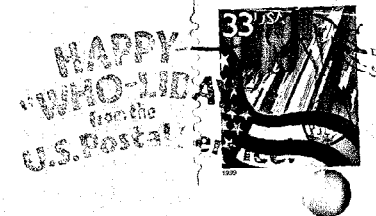
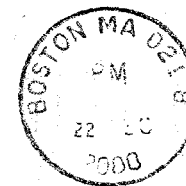


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