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Dr. Janette Henney, Commissioner '01 JAN 17 11:45
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Dear Dr. Henney:

Antibiotics are powerful, wonderful medicine for treating a broad range of infections in people and other animals. And they are called for to treat infections, not to accelerate weight-gain or protect against potential future infections in healthy livestock destined for human consumption. Incorrect use of antibiotics speeds the target bacteria's development of genetic adaptations that allow them to resist the drugs. That resistance renders the drugs ineffective, and in some cases there are only inferior alternative therapies.

Please act quickly to ban livestock producers from using any antibiotic that is used in human medicine for accelerating growth in farm animals. Also, please let me know what specific action you will take to achieve this ban!

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Thank you very much for your concern.

Very truly yours,

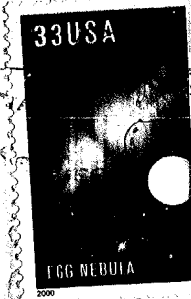
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