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Dear Dr. Henney,

I am writing you <sup>9:55 AM</sup> to express my concern regarding the overuse of antibiotics in agriculture. This practice is contributing to the emergence of untreatable diseases in people. It's one thing to give antibiotics to sick animals, <sup>and</sup> it's a totally different thing to use it to promote faster growth in animals. Thus, what we have is a situation where we put people's health at considerable risk for the economic gain of agribusiness.

What needs to be done now is to establish a reporting system to determine the quantity of antibiotics used in U.S. agriculture. This should be a top priority. If scientists have the data to explore the <sup>development of</sup> links between antibiotic use and the drug resistance, they will hopefully be able to develop rational strategies to curb antibiotic use. I urge you to do what you can to set this process in motion.

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