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Dear Commissioner:

I am writing to urge the FDA to act quickly to ban the use of human antibiotics to make livestock grow faster. The effectiveness in curing human illnesses is at stake. The CDC considers the overuse of antibiotics in animals to be the main cause of antibiotic resistance in food-borne bacteria. The EU has already banned such use in antibiotics that are used for common human diseases. The WHO has called for a ban.

Please act now to prevent diseases in humans from becoming untreatable; ban the use of antibiotics in healthy animals.

Sincerely,

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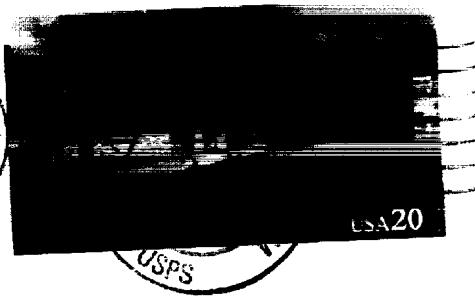
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