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Dear Dr. Henney,

SUBJECT: ANTIBIOTIC-USE REPORTING SYSTEM

I am writing to urge you to establish a reporting system to determine the quantity of antibiotics used in U.S. agriculture.

The overuse of antibiotics, particularly in agriculture, concerns me deeply. I believe our ability to combat bacterial infections is in serious danger as a result of this overuse. We need accurate data to gauge the extent of antibiotic usage in agriculture to make any progress in solving this problem.

Sincerely,



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