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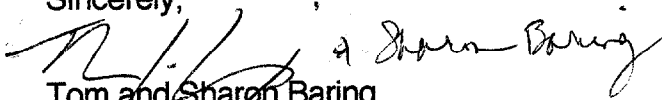
Dear Commissioner Henney,

We are writing to urge you to ban the use of human antibiotics as a growth enhancer in animal agriculture in the United States.

Food-borne bacteria that cause illness in humans, such as salmonella and campylobacter, are becoming resistant to many main-line antibiotics. According to the Centers for Disease Control, this resistance has been directly and largely linked to antibiotic use in otherwise healthy livestock.

In order to minimize the resistance to these important tools for treating bacterial infections, the World Health Organization is urging countries to terminate the use of antimicrobials for growth promotion if they are also used in the treatment of humans. The European Union has already acted to ban such use. Please, let us follow their example now.

Sincerely,



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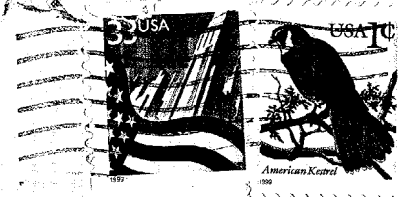
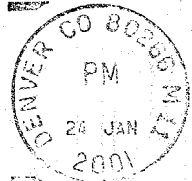
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