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Dear Dr. Henney,

This is to let you know about our very grave concerns regarding the routine addition of antibiotics to animal feed to speed the growth of poultry and livestock. Doses that do not wipe out all the bacteria select for spontaneous drug-resistant mutants. There is a great risk that these drug-resistant strains of, for example, Salmonella, E. coli, Campylobacter and the like will enter into the water and food chain. This could cause additional human illnesses that are not treatable with antibiotics.

It is imperative to ban the use of antibiotics to fatten livestock. This has been done by the European Union and is supported by leading public health agencies.

Sincerely yours,

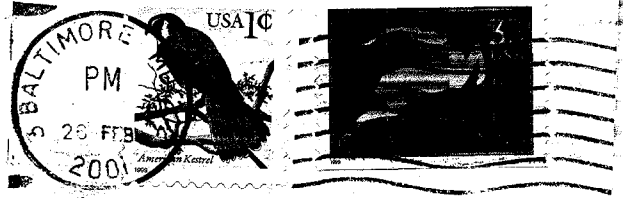
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