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Dear Ms. Henney,

I am writing to ask you to do whatever you can to prohibit the use of human antibiotics in animal feed.

You must be aware that more and more bacteria are becoming resistant to antibiotics. Vancomycin has been the antibiotic used when others failed for over thirty years. Now more than half the strains of *Enterococcus faecium*, a bacteria that causes infections after surgery, are resistant to it. A new antibiotic, Synercid was introduced last September, but bacteria have already started to become immune to it. This is probably because Virginiamycin, an antibiotic very close to Synercid, has been fed to poultry for over a decade, giving bacteria time to develop immunity.

The Centers For Diseases Control and the World Health Organization support a bann on putting antibiotics used by humans in animal feed. I urge you to follow their scientific opinion. Human health must not be put at risk for economic gain.

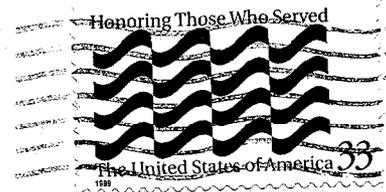
Sincerely,

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