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Dear Ms. Henney,

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I am writing about a matter of deep concern to me: the use of antibiotics to promote growth in animals. It seems to me that the only legitimate use of antibiotics should be the treatment of disease, and I am gravely concerned about the overuse of antibiotics for non-medicinal purposes leading to a rise in antibiotic-resistant microbes.

The European Community has prohibited the use of antibiotics used in human medicine for animal growth promotion, and I write to urge you to follow the lead of the European Union — Such a measure would require some changes in the established methods of livestock production, but the benefits to public health would be worth that effort. We cannot afford to delay and discuss while this widespread use of human

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