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Dear Dr. Henney,

I am writing to express concern about the rampant overuse of antibiotics in medical and farming applications. I understand that most antibiotics use is to prevent disease in livestock. While I appreciate the need for farmers to make a profit in an increasingly competitive market, I am strongly opposed to this practice.

Everyone must take responsibility to reduce the amount of antibiotics used. Indeed, time has already run out. As I'm sure you well know, vancomycin-resistant strains of *Staphylococcus aureus* already exist. We are simply holding our breath until the next wonder drug is synthesized to handle it. I demand that action be taken to stop this ludicrous and potentially disastrous race.

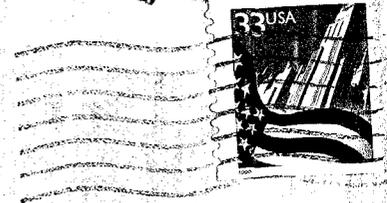
I urge you to limit the number of antibiotics used in industrial farming and to require more precise identification of infectious agents to more accurately prescribe appropriate antibiotics.

Sincerely,

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