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Dear Doctor Henney:

For all the reasons you've already heard (I'm sure !) won't you try to guide the animal agriculture in this country to a smarter path regarding the use antibiotics? It is foolish to put the effectiveness of anti-biotics in jeopardy for the sake of cheap meat.

Farms and slaughter-houses should be run in a manner that doesn't rely on antibiotics to keep the environment and the products from being diseased and dangerous. And, the use of antibiotics to fatten the animals for market is an unbelievable travesty. It's just short sighted and foolish. I want to save the antibiotics for my child when he needs them. If we build up immunities through what we eat, what's the use?

Big business - agri-business – will never do the "right" thing voluntarily, when the bottom line is at issue. That is why we need the Government to enforce the reasonable and intelligent course. Kids need to be protected, and you can help.

I support the petition sponsored by the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI) and urge you as a leader, a medical professional, and as a concerned citizen, to do the same. Thank you for your help with this issue.

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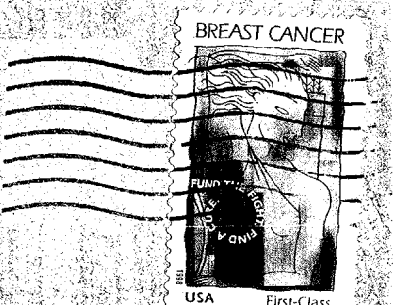

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