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Dear Ms Henney,

I'm writing to ask you to do what you can to prohibit livestock producers from putting antibiotics in animal feed to promote growth.

More than half the strains of Enterococcus faecium are now resistant to vancomycin.

Now bacteria are becoming immune to Synercid. A cousin of Synercid, virginiamycin, has been fed to poultry to speed growth for years - that might explain why bacteria are becoming resistant to Synercid.

I personally know of two times chicken that has been cooked and then used in casseroles tastes and smells strongly like ammonia - ugh - why???

If you like you may write me or call me at 208-644-1720.

Sincerely
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