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Dear Commissioner Henney:

Sixty years ago, millions of people died each year, worldwide, from diseases and infections that – today – are easily controllable, but those diseases could make a comeback. Every known bacterial disease is now known to exist in at least one antibiotic-resistant form. Some can now only be controlled by one or two antibiotics; if strains resistant to those drugs appear, there could be a health catastrophe.

One of the reasons for the development of resistant bacterial strains is the so-called "subtherapeutic" use of antibiotics as growth promoters in feed for livestock. This is unnecessary and unwise. This practice should be banned – Antibiotics are too important in human medicine to be misused.

Sincerely,
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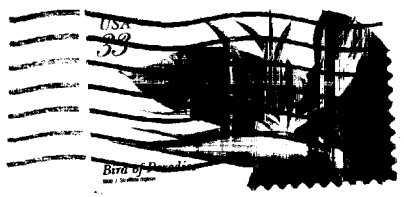

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