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Dear Dr. Henney,

Overuse of antibiotics as growth promoters in livestock has been linked to the emergence of antibiotic-resistant diseases. Fearing a rise in untreatable infectious diseases, the European Community has banned all growth-promoting uses of antibiotics used in human medicine.

I urge the Food and Drug Administration to follow the lead of the European Community and move imme-

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diately to ban animal uses of growth-promoting antibiotics used in human medicine.

Please, keep me informed of your decision.

Sincerely yours,

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