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Dear Commisioner Henney:

The rapidly increasing resistance to many of our most important antibiotics has been noted in many medical publications and is a cause for alarm. An undoubtedly important underlying reason is the widespread use of various antibiotics in animals bred for food consumption.

We urge the FDA to monitor and control such use of antibiotics to protect the health of the public, and we would appreciate hearing from you as to plans for action by the FDA in this matter.

Sincerely,



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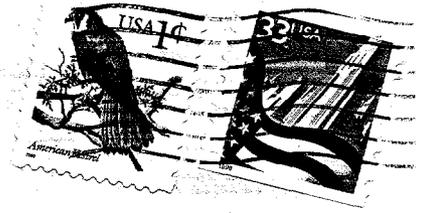
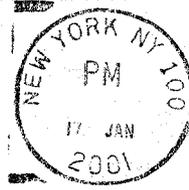


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