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Dear Dr. Henney:

I have recently become very concerned about the rampant use antibiotics in agriculture. The effects of misusing these drugs to increase the size of livestock instead of using them for their intended purpose should be studied more carefully by the Food and Drug Administration. It seems clear that the increased use of antibiotics in cattle, poultry, and hogs is making it more difficult to treat humans with the same drugs.

I am writing to urge you to look at this issue carefully, and establish a reliable way of tracking the amount of antibiotics used in agriculture in the United States.

Sincerely,



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