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Dear Dr. Henney,

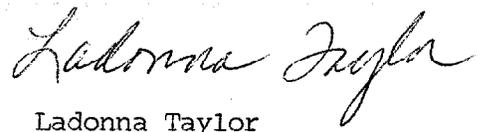
I am an R.N. working in a large city hospital. I am also a member of The Union of Concerned Scientists. In my work I am becoming increasingly aware of the development of drug resistant bacteria that cannot be treated with our current antibiotics. Health professionals are concerned about their ability to treat their patients effectively given the uselessness of some antibiotics for some diseases.

The use of animal antibiotics for healthy animals to fatten them up faster is a big part of the problem. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention considers this overuse of antibiotics the principal cause of antibiotic resistance in food-borne bacteria like salmonella and campylobacter. One strain of salmonella is now resistant to five antibiotics. This seriously limits the tools that doctors have to fight human disease. The European Union has already banned the use of growth promoting antibiotics in animals if they also have a role in human medicine. It is time for the USA to do the same

It is no wonder that Europeans don't want to buy meat from us.

I hope you will give careful consideration to this matter and pass it on to the incoming administration.

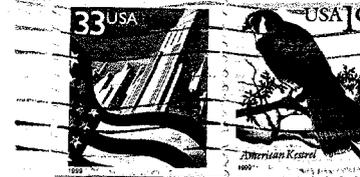
Yours truly,


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