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Dear Commissioner Henney,

A growing number of citizens from across the U.S. and around the globe are becoming aware of the need to use antibiotics wisely to prevent the spread of antibiotic-resistant disease strains. Unfortunately, large amounts of antibiotics in the U.S. are not even used by humans. A recent survey by the Union of Concerned Scientists estimates that roughly 70% of all antibiotic drugs are fed to livestock for nontherapeutic purposes. However, large-scale research on the subject has not yet been undertaken, and there is little publicly available data for scientific research purposes. Thus, I urge you to oversee the creation of a Federal Antibiotic Reporting System to clarify questions about antibiotic usage in our country.

Thank you,

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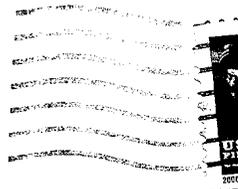
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