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Dear Dr. Henney:

Lately I have ~~read~~ read several articles regarding the use of antibiotics as growth promoters in livestock. Of course this controversial practice has been maligned for years. Well, it looks like the European community finally got up the moxy to say "no" ... and it is high time we follow that lead. What is stopping us? Pressure from big drug companies? I will bet that is a good part of it.

From what I have read, there is no significant advantage to using in these animals, as a matter of course in their "care and feeding", the VERY SAME antibiotics that are used in humans. We've got a crisis on out hands with resistant bacteria. Surely this resistance is promoted by using antibiotics in the small doses given to livestock.

Please, I urge you support an FDA-mandated end to this wasteful and dangerous practice.

Sincerely,

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P.S. I am not an anti-technology nut. For example, I do not disapprove of genetically engineered products.

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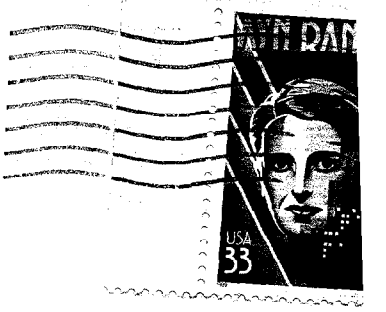

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