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Commissioner Jane E. Henney
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Rockville, Maryland 20857

Dear Ms. Henney:

I am writing to urge you to ban the use of medically functional antibiotics in animal feed.

Adding antibiotics to animal feed in order to promote growth endangers human lives, since it can make bacteria resistant to those antibiotics. Then when a doctor prescribes one of the antibiotics for a person who is ill, it will not work, and there may not be anything else that will either.

I understand that the Center for Science in the Public Interest has filed a petition with the FDA against the use of antibiotics in feed. I join with CSPI in protesting this hazardous practice, and I strongly request that you put a stop to it without delay.

Sincerely,
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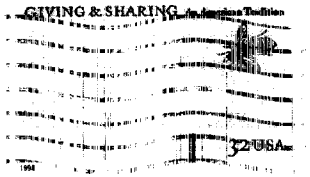
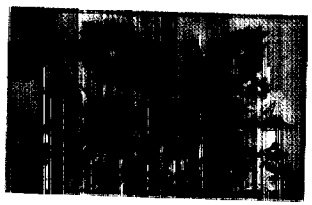
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