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Commissioner Jane E. Henney
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Dear Ms. Henney:

I grew up on a farm in Northern Virginia, where my dad's white-faced Hereford cattle and black and white hogs grew to a splendid size — without the use of any antibiotics. They did it by grazing on clover, timothy, and other rich grasses in the pasture and on the wheat and oats that the threshing machine missed.

Anyone with common sense would understand how adding vitamins and minerals to animal feed could promote growth. But not antibiotics!

Science has now shown that feeding antibiotics to cattle, hogs, and poultry can make bacteria resistant to those antibiotics.

Aren't you as worried as I am about the time when our doctors will have no way to treat life-threatening infections in us?

Please ban the use of medically useful antibiotics in animal feed, where the useful ingredients are nutritious ones.

Sincerely,
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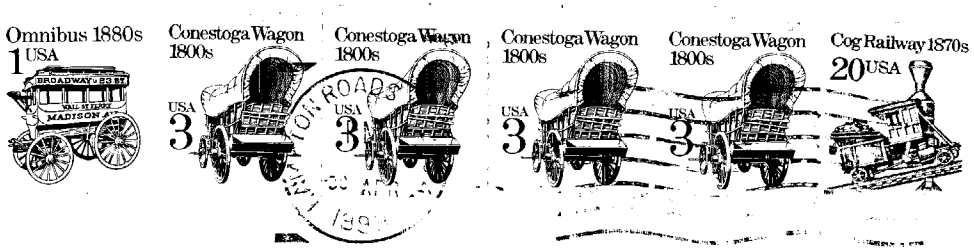

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