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Dear Dr. Henney,

I have been a member of the Union of Concerned Scientists for a number of years. As an ex-science teacher (retired) I am interested in many things concerning science. I am appalled at the fact that about one third of the antibiotics manufactured in the U.S. are added to animal feed to fatten animals cheaply. This is spite of the fact it could be done in other ways at reasonable prices.

Scientists are convinced that drugs given to animals play a role in antibiotic resistance in human diseases. The World Health Organization recommends a ban on the use of medically important antibiotics to promote animal growth. Since diseases in people are now becoming more difficult to treat due to the overuse of antibiotics, I think the U.S. should adopt the same position

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a the World Health Organization.

I think it is important to favor such people over cheap animal (especially chicken) food. I hope you will see this as one way to stop the overuse of antibiotics.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Joan Schmitz

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