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Greetings.

I am writing regarding factory farms and the 16 million pounds of antibiotics they use each year to promote faster livestock growth and cover up unhygienic production practices. This unnecessary drug use threatens public health; through food and water it exposes people to bacteria that are resistant to the drugs used to treat tuberculosis, staph infections, pneumonia and other infectious diseases. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and prominent public health organizations have expressed great concern about the massive use of antibiotics to increase livestock weight in light of the growing evidence of antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

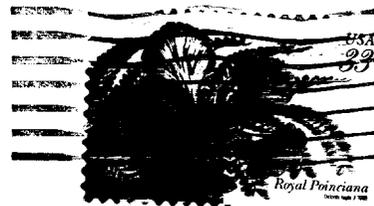
The United States should follow the example of the European Union, which banned adding human-use antibiotics to animal feed last year. Please ban the use of antibiotics to promote livestock growth when those drugs are used to treat humans.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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