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Dr. Jane Henney, Commissioner  
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Dear Dr. Henney:

With all the reports in the press about the diminishing effectiveness of antibiotics due to overuse, it is disturbing that measures are not being taken to control the use of antibiotics in animal agriculture. I respect the FDA for basing decisions on sound scientific research, but it would seem appropriate to have something like a moratorium. The actions of the European Union and the World Health Organization suggest rather strongly that there is substantial reason for concern. Wouldn't the potential damage pending a final decision be irreversible?

Yours respectfully,

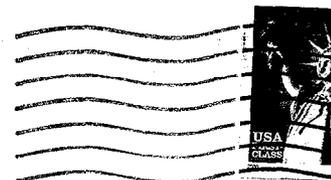
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