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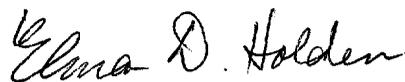
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Dear Dr. Henney,

Forty-five years ago an antibiotic probably saved my son's life. I'm concerned that such an effective medicine may not be available for my grandchildren and great-grandchildren because we have misused what has been made available. I urge you to move swiftly to establish a system to collect basic data on current antibiotic use in this country, both for human beings and for livestock, so that we know what the scope of the problem is and can take rational steps to remedy it.

Most sincerely,



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