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Jane E. Henney, M.D.  
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Dear Dr. Henney:

For some time now, I have been aware of the fact that livestock producers in the United States are increasingly using antibiotics, originally intended to be used to treat diseases, to promote growth. However, I am very alarmed by the January 8<sup>th</sup> article in the *New York Times* that stated that there are no reliable statistics available to track the number of tons being fed to livestock.

With the upcoming hearings on this matter just weeks away, I would like to strongly urge to put in place a system to collect data on the use of these drugs in livestock, so that scientists and doctors will be able to study the effects of this trend and develop ways to counteract it.

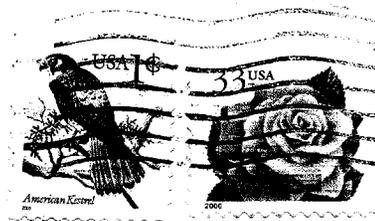
Sincerely,



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