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We need this moratorium, so everyone can learn how dangerous factory farms are. I'm sure you are learning how they ruin rural America and family farms. And, I know you are finding out how detrimental to the environment factory farms are - to the soil, the water, the air, and to climate change. And, I hope you know how animals suffer in these facilities. Chickens and pigs that can barely move. Thousands of cows on concrete in their own manure.

But there is another danger. Intensive animal agriculture is threatening our ability to treat diseases. Seventy percent of antibiotics in the US are used for animals, mostly in factory farms, to prevent diseases because the animals are so packed together in unsanitary conditions and to increase growth of the animals. And, we consume these when we eat animals. This is creating antibiotic resistance in humans. And, in the last 5 years the deaths associated with antibiotic resistance has jumped to nearly 5 million a year.

PLEASE, we need to moratorium so everyone can learn how cruel factory farms are - to the planet, to the animals, the the community, to the workers on the farm