Supervisor Eugene E. Schmitz,
City Hall,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dec. 16, 1918.

Dear Mr. Schmitz:

The other day you will remember that I made a protest against
the mask ordinance on the ground that it would apply to the school chil-
dren and I seriously object to my child having to wear the mask from
the time she leaves home until she gets back. Without any relief.

As I stated, my personal observation convinces me that grown up
people, with very few exceptions, including Dr. Hasler, do not continu-
ously wear the mask, but every now and then drop it down so that they can
get some of God's pure air.

You will, I am sure, get the point that I am making, which is that
the children in the schools will not be allowed this relief as the teachers
will be obliged to see that they wear the mask continuously, and if there
is any efficacy in the mask it certainly would be very foolish to open the
door to the microbes even for a moment by letting down the mask.

As I understand it, you are going to consult several doctors in re-
gard to the desirability of wearing the mask and I would like to have you
ask each one the following questions:

Do you think that the continuous wearing of the mask, from the time
the child leaves home until she returns, a matter of four hours, will be
beneficial to the child's general health?

Is it possible that the wearing of the mask and the constant re-
breathing of the impurities discharged from the system back into the lungs
will affect the child's resistance to colds and other ailments?

Is it possible that the assumed effectiveness of the continuous
wearing of the mask in protecting a child against the influenza germ will
bring with it other troubles such as nervousness, irritability, headaches,
etc.?

Incidentally I am sure that as our representative you will have
even more consideration for the little children than you have for the older
people, and while I am absolutely opposed to the use of the mask, because
it has not been proved to have any affect and numerous individuals have been
taken with influenza who have faithfully worn the mask, I am also anxious to
be able to faithfully obey any law that is enacted, but I am quite sure that
no mask law can ever be faithfully obeyed by San Francisco's population.

Yours very truly,