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November 16th, 1918.

Editor, People's Safety Valve,
The San Francisco Chronicle,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

I hold no brief for the Board of Supervisors, but I cannot permit the statement of your correspondent, Will Harris, to go unchallenged. The appropriation by the Board of Supervisors of \$50,000 for influenza relief was a very generous appropriation. It will be used 100% for the purpose intended and will be dispensed by the Associated Charities, the Jewish Welfare Board and the Affiliated Catholic Charities.

The Red Cross performed its part in the emergency following the beginning of the influenza, and it was at its request that the care of convalescents was turned over to the above named charitable organizations; and having performed its part it was deemed advisable by the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors that the city should assume the burdens of those needing relief.

Yours very truly,

JOHN A. McSWAIN

Chairman San Francisco Chapter.

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