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Mayor James Rolph,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

You are unquestionably receiving a great many pleas to have the mask ordinance revoked, and allow me to say a few words on the other side of the question. Opposition to anything in force is always noisy, even if in a great minority. I am convinced that where one person in San Francisco wishes the mask ordinance immediately revoked, there are a dozen who wish to see it enforced until such time as the influenza is absolutely wiped out of the city. The fact that new cases are being reported daily, absolutely proves that it is not wiped out at this time, and past experience goes to indicate that the wearing of masks ought to be made compulsory for at least a month or six weeks yet. Let me urgently request that no action be taken to revoke the ordinance at this time.

Yours truly,



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