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The National Medical Association
Office of the President
Post Office Box 6562, T. Street Station
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Dear Sir:

I am writing in regards to a matter of great importance to the local chapter of the National Medical Association called The John Hale Medical Society of San Francisco. We here in the City of San Francisco are engaged in the formulation of a health program for the depressed areas of San Francisco. This program is planned to be under the auspices of the Antipoverty Program. I would like to not only inform you of this plan which will encompass many areas of public health and preventive medicine, but to request the support of our venture in this regard. There is a large responsibility connected with the formulation of a health plan with an eye toward improving the lot of former clinic patients and elevating them to the status of private medical patients. It has long been recognized in this country that private medical care is superior to clinic medicine in terms of quality and depth. We would like to request the backing of the National Organization in this regard and would like to have an approval by the board of directors and/or the board of trustees. We feel that a demonstration on the part of our local chapter of the ability to manage an ongoing health program of broad scope and also to manage the financial side of such a large program would be beneficial to the national as well as the local chapters of the Medical Association.

We have approximately thirty-five physicians here in the City of San Francisco and our members cover the specialty of general practice as well as eleven other areas of medical specialization. We, therefore, feel strongly that we are able to administer successfully this planned program.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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