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Dear Sirs:

This is a letter supporting the new proposal to establish new safety recommendations on respiratory protective devices. This new proposed rule (42 CFR PART 84 Federal Register, Volume 59, #99, pages 26850-26893) will improve the certification process and provide for new respirator standards for healthcare workers.

I encourage NIOSH to continue to proceed with these new regulations. It should specifically address the healthcare needs of the healthcare industry which will render a reduced cost in use, improved comfort and especially compliance with the newer particulate filter respirators being proposed.

Sincerely,

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