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NIOSH Docket Office
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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the members of the Pennsylvania Hospital Employee Health Professionals-Western Region and as a nurse practitioner who works in hospital employee health, I am writing in support of NIOSH's Proposed Rule on Respiratory Protective Devices as a first step in improving the certification process for such devices. I am pleased that the certification will finally address the health care setting. In addition, 95% filter efficiency should be acceptable for most health care worker needs.

Our organization represents approximately 50 employee health nurses from Southwestern Pennsylvania. We are very committed to the health and welfare of our employees and support this realistic approach for respiratory protection.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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