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RE: NIOSH Proposed Rule on Respiratory Protective Devices

We are writing *in support* of the proposed standard to investigate other means of respiratory protection of healthcare workers (HCWs) to infectious agents other than the current NIOSH approved Hepa Particulate Respirator. HCWs should be provided with an appropriate protective respiratory barrier that will not impede patient care.

Very Sincerely Yours,

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