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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express my support of the May 24, 1994 proposed rule on respiratory devices (42CFR Part 84 Fed Register). In particular, the removal of the recommendation for the use of PAPRs and allowance to use other options rather than the currently mandated HEPA particulate respirators.

It should be noted that in the health care setting the Type C or 95% filter efficiency would be acceptable. At this time it is essential to implement the testing and certification procedures to allow more practical and economic respiratory protection for health care workers.

Your assistance will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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