



SAINT FRANCIS HOSPITAL

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To: The National Institute for Occupational
Safety and Health

As the Infection Control Coordinator for Saint Francis Hospital and Vassar Brothers Hospital in Poughkeepsie, New York, I would like to take this opportunity to strongly support the new certification process for personal respirators that you published as a proposed rule in the May 24, 1994 Federal Register. The proposed rule would change the current procedures for testing and certifying air purifying respirators. It is of utmost importance that personal protective equipment be developed that can be used easily, comfortably and for prolonged periods of time by healthcare workers for protection from tuberculosis; and that there be scientific support for required use of any respiratory equipment.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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