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Dear Mr. Taft:

This letter is to support the NIOSH published proposed rule on Respiratory Protective Devices that includes changes in the current procedures for testing and certifying air purifying respirators used for TB control. This proposed rule would improve the certification process for respiratory devices used in health care settings for prevention of TB transmission and would open up the market for more practical and economic respiratory protection for health care workers.

A certification process which addresses the CDC's guidelines for respiratory protection against TB should meet the needs of most health care workers. It is imperative that the certification process be implemented as soon as possible to ensure universal access of quality, economical, and protective respiratory devices to all health care workers.

Sincerely,

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