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The Honorable Helen Delich Bentley  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mrs. Bentley:

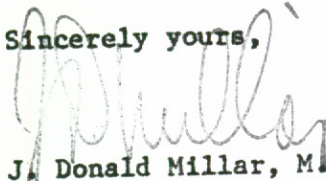
Thank you for your letter on behalf of your constituents regarding the proposed regulations governing the certification of respirators.

The current regulations under which the Mine Health and Safety Administration and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health test and certify respirators (30 CFR Part 11) were originally promulgated in 1972. During the last several years, there has been a growing consensus among the respirator manufacturers and user community that these requirements need revision to reflect the technical advances in the field and the increased knowledge regarding environmental factors in the workplace. Some of the steps taken to develop the proposed rule are outlined in the enclosed preamble (52 FR 32402).

We are, of course, anxious to receive comments on both the technical and policy elements of this proposed rule. Toward that end, in October we announced two public hearings (52 FR 37639). The first took place in San Francisco on January 20, 1988, and the second was January 27-28, 1988, in Washington, D.C. Enclosed is a copy of the opening statement from those hearings which clarifies many of the misunderstandings of this regulation. We have also extended the comment period until March 28, 1988 (53 FR 5595).

We look forward to hearing from all parties concerned, and I assure you that all comments received will be placed into the record and will be carefully considered in any final rulemaking decision.

Sincerely yours,



J. Donald Millar, M.D.  
Assistant Surgeon General  
Director

Enclosure

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Washington, DC 20515

February 19, 1988

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AND SOCIAL SECURITY

Mr. John Moran  
Director of the Division of Safety Research  
NIOSH  
944 Chestnut Ridge Road  
Morgantown, West Virginia 26505

Dear Mr. Moran:

I have taken the liberty of sending to your attention copies of letters received in my Washington office concerning the revision of tests and requirements for certification of permissibility of respiratory protective devices used in mining.

These letters are being submitted for your review during the public hearing comment period. I request that you and your staff carefully examine the full implications of the comments. Your full consideration of this matter is respectfully requested.

Thank you for your prompt attention. If I may be of assistance to you, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,



Helen Delich Bentley  
Member of Congress

Steven P. Wicelinski, Ph.D.  
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Reisterstown, MD 21136

January 29, 1988

House of Representatives  
House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

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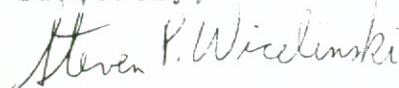
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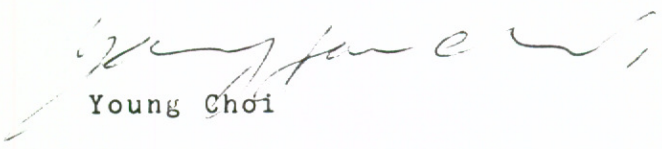
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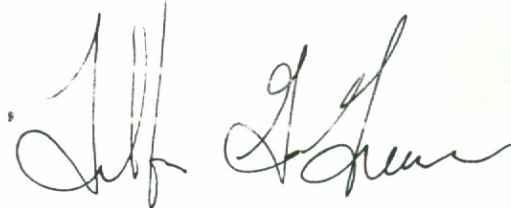
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February 4, 1988

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Sincerely,

  
Andrew J. Olert

2303 Pentland Drive  
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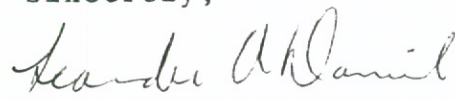
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Leander A. Daniel



Nancy R. Mobberly  
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Andrew Peltz  
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Baltimore, MD 21237

February 3, 1988

House of Representatives  
House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Attention: Representative Helen Bentley

Dear Representative Bentley:

I am an employee of Catalyst Research in Owings Mills, MD, and live within your jurisdiction. We are a part of the Instrument Division of Mine Safety Appliances Company in Pittsburgh, PA. I've become aware of a NIOSH proposal which would affect respirator certification and could affect my job as a Technician, at Catalyst Research.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health wants to limit respirator testing and certification to mining applications at the expense of general industry and construction.

This proposal (42 CFR 84, Federal Register) is a bad one, and I'm writing to ask you to use your influence to have NIOSH withdraw it.

In my 3.5 years with MSA, the company has been strongly committed to selling only approved products.

The costs of changing the design of respirators to meet the peculiar requirements of the NIOSH proposal will be staggering to MSA alone, not to mention our competitors. Additionally, the requirements will be changed to require a heavy, bulky product for which there is little support in the professional and user community. We're going to have to pass the huge testing costs along to the consumer who will pay a lot of money for a respirator that will probably be too large, too unwieldy, and too uncomfortable for most workers. The underground miner works in relatively cool surroundings, compared to the refinery or construction worker. Yet, under the NIOSH proposal, they all must wear the same respirator designed for specific mining requirements.

Why is NIOSH trying to make such fundamental changes to a system that's working?

Please talk to Dr. Otis Bowen, Health and Human Services Secretary, and let me know what he says.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Andrew Peltz

Thomas Lentz  
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Baltimore, MD 21236

January 22, 1988

House of Representatives  
House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

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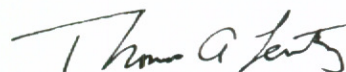
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January 21, 1988

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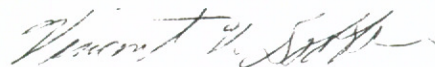
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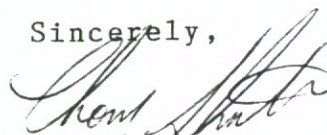
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Tom Shutt

7706 Chapman Road  
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February 4, 1988

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January 27, 1988

House of Representatives  
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February 2, 1988

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The Industrial Safety Equipment Association, of which Mine Safety Appliances Company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is a part, feels strongly that this proposal must be withdrawn.

The proposal provides no protocol, nor specific requirements, so it is impossible for us to exercise our right to comment on it in a meaningful way. This denies us due process.

While our industry recognizes the value of regulation and, by and large, has little problem with the concept of workplace testing, the fact of the matter is that the technology is not available to conform to the proposed change. This is not the way to improve a process; it will, in fact, destroy a process which works but needs tuning.

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Finally, the proposed changes will cost our industry up to \$700,000,000 which will threaten the very viability of the industry as well as worker safety.

The management and employees of MSA trust that we can count on your support in this matter of critical interest to Pennsylvania labor and industry.

We urge you to immediately contact Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Otis Bowen to request that the proposed ruling be withdrawn.

Thanks for your assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,



Christie D. Price

Marcell J. Foxwell  
207 Leslie Avenue  
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February 1, 1988

House of Representatives  
House Office Building  
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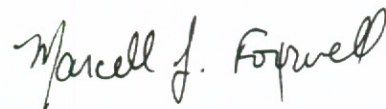
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Vivian L. Freeman  
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January 21, 1988

House of Representatives  
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January 26, 1988

House of Representatives  
House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

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Thank you for your help.

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Richard C. Levin

Patrick Rissmiller  
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January 25, 1988

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House Office Building  
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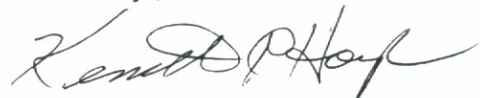
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January 28, 1988

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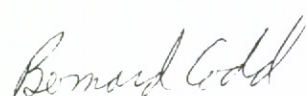
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