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NIOSH Docket Office
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

RE: Proposed Rule on Respiratory Protective Devices
(42 CFR Part 84 Fed Register Vol. 59, No 99 pp.26850-26893)

I am writing as a representative of a general acute care hospital which has been making every effort to comply with the current certification requirements for respiratory protective devices. We have incurred a large expense to comply, in personnel hours and equipment, because of the ambiguity in the earlier expectations. We appreciate that the proposed rule provides greater specificity.

Given our experience and study about protecting healthcare workers, we would like to urge support of the proposed standard. We also believe the 95% filter efficiency should be acceptable for protecting most healthcare workers. We encourage utilization of the three levels of minimum efficiency performance standards including Type C filters.

Sincerely,

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Vice President

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