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SUBJECT: **RESPIRATORY PROTECTIVE DEVICES**

I am writing in support of the May 24, 1994, proposed rule on Respiratory Protective Devices. This rule includes changes in the current procedures for testing and certifying air purifying respirators used for TB control as well as the introduction of a new generation "Class C" respirator.

I am in support of the new testing and certification procedures as they will enable manufacturers to produce a broader range of more practical and economical respirators that meet the CDC performance criteria for respiratory protection devices for TB protection. I recognize and support the important need for a certification process that addresses the CDC's performance criteria for respiratory protection against TB.

In closing, I stress the urgency involved in the implementation of these new testing and certification procedures to open up the market for more practical and economical respiratory protection for healthcare workers against TB. Thank you!

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