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Dear Sirs,

A summary of the NIOSH rule published May 24, 1994 has just come to my attention concerning the respiratory devices. First, I want to express my appreciation for the work already completed-it is a much brighter financial future for all healthcare institutions, but especially those in the communities where tuberculosis is a major concern.

I urge you that the least amount of time be spent in developing the certification process and all standards applicable to tuberculosis protection for the employees. This does open the door for the development for new and improved respiratory devices that will be both effective and cost efficient. Employee and patient safety is always a major concern but in the present healthcare environment cost is the driving force.

You have my support in developing the certification process and any other measures that can allow us to be in compliance with OSHA and be cost effective.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion and support.

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