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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to let it be known that the Administrative Staff of Johnson-Willis Hospital supports the proposed rule addressing NIOSH's and the Department of Labor/Mine Safety and Health Administration's certification requirements for respiratory protective devices (42 CFR Part 84).

The Administrative Staff of Johnston-Willis Hospital supports the proposal for the following reasons:

1. The Hospital will have a broader range of certified respirators that meet the current performance criteria recommended by the CDC for respiratory devices for protection against *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*.
2. The provisions of this proposed rule will address requirements for certifying air-purifying respirators against biological agents, namely *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*.
3. Due to the six classes of air-purifying particulate respirators to be certified meeting the recommendation by the CDC being less expensive than the respirator with a HEPA filter, the Hospital would be able to continue in its attempts to curtail costs while at the same time providing ample protection against *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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