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Dear Sir:

I am writing in support of the proposed certification procedures for respiratory protective devices as stated in the Federal Register dated 5-24-94. This certification process addresses the CDC's performance criteria for respiratory protection against TB. As an Infection Control Practitioner and active member of APIC, I feel that the proposed "Class C" respirator adequately protects the health care worker.

These testing and certification procedures are urgently needed to open the market for more practical and economic respiratory protection for health care workers against TB. The present lack of certification places an onerous burden on the health care industry.

Very truly yours,



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