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To Whom It May Concern:

I strongly support NIOSH's initiative in the May 24, 1994 Federal Register to change the current procedures for testing and certifying air purifying respirators. These proposed new testing and certifying procedures should allow use of less expensive and confining respirators in health care facility's tuberculosis control programs. This new proposed testing process could potentially produce new respirators that will offer protection for the health care worker against mycobacterium tuberculosis and be much more "wearable" and comfortable for the health care worker.

I commend and thank NIOSH for its responsiveness to the concerns of health care workers in introducing science into the process for certifying respiratory protective devices. Allowing health care facility's flexibility in selection of an appropriate respirator for its facility will give us autonomy and balance worker safety, patient care and cost containment.

Sincerely yours,

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