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To Whom It May Concern:

The members of the TB Task Force of East Tennessee Children's Hospital, Knoxville, TN, strongly support the NIOSH proposal of May 24, 1994 (42 CFR 84 Fed Register Vol 59, No. 99 pp 26850-26893) which will provide better methods for evaluation of other than HEPA filter masks for ability to filter toxic substances.

We believe that the 95% performance standard of the non-HEPA masks is a fully acceptable safety standard for Health Care Workers when dealing with TB patients.

We support the CDC 1993 Draft TB Guidelines which state that Health Care Workers wear respirators that meet criteria stated in the CDC Guidelines.

We strongly urge approval of the NIOSH proposal of May 24, 1994.

Sincerely,

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