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NIOSH Docket Office
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Dear Sirs:

The St. Luke's Hospital T.B. Task Force has reviewed NIOSH's proposed rule on respiratory protection devices addressing certification requirement for these devices.

We commend NIOSH in its efforts to facilitate protection of health care workers against T.B. by its proposal to revise the certification process. As such we support the proposed standard as an important first step in recognizing the needs and viewpoints of members of the health care field. We also feel that a Class C respirator with a 95% filtering efficiency would be acceptable in meeting the needs of most health care workers.

We thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed standard.

Sincerely,

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