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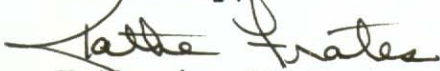
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Re: Tuberculosis Respirators

Presently, OSHA requires that we must have a NIOSH approved Hepa Particulate Respirator filter to protect health care workers from TB. This is a costly regulation and one that poses many problems to health care facilities.

I support the proposed standard as a first step in improving the certification process. This first step recognizes that the certification process finally addresses the health care setting and that the 95% filter efficiency is acceptable for most healthcare worker needs.

Sincerely,



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