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To Whom It May Concern,

As members of Ojai Valley Community Hospital's Tuberculosis Task Force, we, the undersigned, have taken on the responsibility of bringing our hospital into compliance with OSHA's guidelines aimed at protecting health care workers from the threat of tuberculosis.

Part of this responsibility involves the support of recommendations that will help protect our employees without sacrificing ourselves financially.

Therefore, we support the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc. (APIC) and their recommendation that health care workers wear respirators that meet performance criteria outlined by the CDC in the draft 1993 TB guidelines. This recommendation includes the rule proposing three (3) levels of minimum efficiency performance standards describing the filter elements for respirators.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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Lisa Barker, Human Resources Manager

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Scott Green, Director of Engineering

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leah Hunter".

Leah Hunter, Director of Nursing

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kathy German".

Kathy German, Respiratory Manager

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