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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the newly proposed rule for testing requirements of particulate filter respirators, (42 CFR Part 84 Federal Register Vol. 59, No. 99 pp. 26850-26893).

I commend you on your responsiveness to the concerns of health care providers in introducing science into the process for certifying respiratory protective devices. This science supports the fact that a 95% filter efficiency is an acceptable level of protection for healthcare workers, and will not hinder patient care and communication.

In a time when healthcare is in a crisis, community hospitals such as ours, must work to contain costs while they improve patient care and address employee safety concerns.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



David A. Kadish
Executive Vice President

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