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Dear Mr. Cowan:

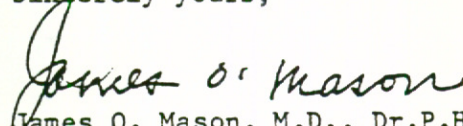
Thank you for meeting with me to share your views and those of your colleagues from the Industrial Safety Equipment Association. I am enclosing for your information our minutes of the meeting, which will be entered into the next docket for the public record.

I have discussed with NIOSH and our Office of General Counsel your request for a technical meeting of CDC/NIOSH respirator experts with technical experts representing respirator manufacturers. As a result of these discussions, I have asked NIOSH to develop plans for holding a technical public meeting as a part of the comment process on the second proposed rule.

Your request for negotiated rulemaking on the workplace testing portion of the next proposed rule is still under consideration. I will reserve a final decision until we are further along in that process.

I appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and look forward to your continued participation in the rulemaking process and your technical discussion and formal comments on the second draft of the proposed rule after it is published.

Sincerely yours,

  
James O. Mason, M.D., Dr.P.H.  
Assistant Surgeon General  
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Enclosure