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Dear Dr. Bowen:

I am writing to you about the major change in regulations that the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is proposing in the certification process for respirators. The notice of this change appeared in the August 27, 1987 Federal Register.

I am very concerned about the detrimental impact the proposed change would have on one of our Maryland companies. Over a five year period, it will cost the company in question about \$100 million to comply with your new regulation. This company employs about 100 workers, has an annual payroll of about \$1.4 million and sales of approximately \$18 million. After the company learned about your new regulation, it cancelled plans for a new \$3 million facility. This new facility would have increased the company's employment in Maryland by another 20 percent.

Complying with the proposed regulation could bankrupt the company. Workers would lose their jobs, and all levels of government would lose tax revenue.

Consequently, considering the high cost of implementing this proposed regulation -- between \$700 million to \$1 billion for the industry -- and the negative economic impact it would have on Maryland, I respectfully request that the intent and the economic impact of this proposed regulation, 42 CFR Part 84, be re-examined.

Sincerely,

  
Governor

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