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President and Chief Executive Officer

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NIOSH Docket Office
Robert A. Taft Laboratories
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Dear Mr. Taft:

I am writing in support of the NIOSH Proposed Rule on Respiratory Protective Devices published on 5/24/94. (42 CFR Part 84 Fed. Register Vol. 59, No. 99 Pg. 26850-26893)

As a practitioner of Infection Control, working for Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, New Jersey, I am interested in the protection of all employees exposed to infectious TB in a cost-contained environment.

Since the proposal enables manufacturers to produce a broader range of certified respirators which provide the necessary level of protection, the cost for providing these masks should be decreased. With more respirators being made available, there will be fewer usage problems and hopefully greater comfort to the HCW.

I look forward to an improved certification process which addresses the health care setting.

Yours truly,



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