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As the Infection Control Coordinators at California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco, we are writing to you to express our support for the proposed change in the ruling on respiratory devices.

We are a 1000+ bed hospital serving both acute and tertiary care. We have an active TB surveillance plan and have seen no rise in the number of active pulmonary TB cases in our inpatients. We also have not seen any increase in the PPD conversion rate in our employees. Because of these findings, we see no need to implement the HEPA masks with no scientific data to support their use. We trust that you will rule favorably in support of the 95% filter efficiency level as the standard respiratory protection for TB.

Sincerely,

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