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Dear Sirs:

I am writing in support of the proposed rule on respiratory protective devices (42 CFR Part 84 Fed Reg Vol. 59, No. 99 pp 26850-26893).

The proposed standard for three levels of minimum efficiency performance standards describing filter elements is a first step in improving the certification process. This first step recognizes that the certification process addresses the health care facility.

The 95% filter efficiency should be acceptable for most healthcare worker needs for respiratory protection while addressing the issue of employee comfort (increasing compliance) and patient care.

Sincerely,

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