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Director
Division of Safety Research
NIOSH
944 Chestnut Ridge Road
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Dear Sir:

In September of this year I received a letter from the 3M Company requesting that I write to you and suggest that your proposed 42 CFR Part 84 be revised so that many of the 3M respirators currently on the market would remain on the market.

As a practicing Industrial Hygienist with thorough training in respiratory protection, I would like to voice my strong opposition to this smear campaign by 3M. I feel very strongly many of the disposable type respirators are inferior products. My previous inspector experience with the now extinct Cal/OSHA organization should me that when unapproved respirators are available on the market many wonder why they are for sale when they do not meet OSHA requirements.

I strongly support anything that will result in greater respiratory protection for workers that need it.

Sincerely,

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