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To Whom It May Concern:

Having recently learned of the testing and certification process for the "Class C" filter respirator for use by Health Care Workers against TB, we would like to voice our opinion on this topic.

Presently the limited number of filter respirators available and their cost makes the new "Class C" respirator a very welcomed product.

If the new "Class C" respirator can provide protection of 95% at 0.03 micron particle size, be produced in quantities to meet the demand and be cost effective (all of which the HEPA are not), we would encourage the certification of this device and hope the process is completed in a timely manner so they can be available to all Health Care Workers without major cost and delay.

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