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Dear Sir:

As representatives of our Infection Control Program, we would like to **express our support** for the proposed rule on respiratory protective devices (42 CFR Part 84 Fed Register Vol. 59, No 99). We encourage the development of respiratory protection that is actually wearable in the health care delivery situation.

The certification of air-purifying respirators under these proposed requirements (which substitute a performance standard for an obsolete specification standard) may enable respirator users to select from a broader range of equipment that meets performance criteria recommended by the CDC for protection against Mycobacterium tuberculosis. It is important to us that we have the opportunity of choice in order that we may continue to offer outstanding health care with the balance of worker safety, patient care, and the containment of costs.

We commend NIOSH's responsiveness to the concerns of health care providers in introducing science into the process for certifying respiratory protective devices.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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