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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to let it be known that the Administrative Staff of Johnston-Willis Hospital supports the proposed rule addressing NIOSH's and the Department of Labor/Mine Safety and Health Administration's certification requirements for respiratory protective devices (42 CFR Part 84).

The Administrative Staff of Johnston-Willis Hospital supports the proposal for the following reasons:

1. The Hospital will have a broader range of certified respirators that meet the current performance criteria recommended by the CDC for respiratory devices for protection against Mycobacterium tuberculosis.

2. The provisions of this proposed rule will address requirements for certifying air-purifying respirators against biological agents, namely Mycobacterium tuberculosis.

3. Due to the six classes of air-purifying particulate respirators to be certified meeting the recommendation by the CDC being less expensive than the respirator with a HEPA filter, the Hospital would be able to continue in its attempts to curtail costs while at the same time providing ample protection against Mycobacterium tuberculosis.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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