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Dear Sirs:

The Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates has reviewed and supports the proposed NIOSH rule on respiratory protective devices (42 CFR Part 84, Federal Register, Vol. 59, No. 99, pages 26850-26893).

Last December our organization, along with many other nursing organizations, voiced concern regarding the requirement for HEPA particulate respirators in the CDC's 1993 draft tuberculosis guidelines. We understand your new rule on protective devices will allow a broader range of certified respirators to provide the necessary level of protection for health care workers, and offers options other than the currently mandated HEPA particulate respirators.

Sincerely,

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