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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the newly proposed rule for testing requirements of particulate filter respirators, (42 CFR Part 84 Federal Register Vol. 59, No. 99 pp. 26850-26893).

I commend you on your responsiveness to the concerns of health care providers in introducing science into the process for certifying respiratory protective devices. This science supports the fact that a 95% filter efficiency is an acceptable level of protection for healthcare workers, and will not hinder patient care and communication.

In a time when healthcare is in a crisis, community hospitals such as ours, must work to contain costs while they improve patient care and address employee safety concerns.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joan Golden". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Joan Golden  
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