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NIOSH Docket Office
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Dear Sirs:

This is to inform you of my support of the proposed respiratory protective devices standard, as a first step in improving the certification process. This action would address my concern regarding the regulations pertaining to the health care settings. I feel strongly that approving a Type C fitter with 95% efficiency should be acceptable for most health care workers.

We have recently trialed two particulate respirators with some of our health care workers. Feedback has been very negative, including statements of inability to communicate with our patients (which is extremely important), difficulty in breathing, and statements of doubtful compliance.

Thank you for your extremely important consideration in this proposed standard.

Sincerely,



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Director, HealthEast Infection Control

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