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Dear Sir:

We would like to comment regarding the need for a certification process that addresses the CDC's performance criteria for a respiratory protection device against TB.

We propose evaluating the "class C" respirator. This respirator if acceptable could result in better compliance of healthcare workers and facilities of the CDC guidelines. The hepa filter respirator previously recommended is extremely uncomfortable to wear, hard to breathe thru, and costly for facilities to provide. The "class C" respirator may be more acceptable for efficiency, comfort, and cost.

For more practical and economic respiratory protection against TB please consider implementing new testing and certification now.

Respectfully,

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