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NIOSH Docket Office
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Dear Sir:

I am writing in support of the proposed rule on respiratory protective devices (42 CFR Part 84 Federal Register Volume 59, Number 99 pages 26850--26893). The proposed standard to have three levels of minimum efficiency performance standards describing filter elements is much better for patient care and for health care workers. This is an important first step in improving the certification process for filters/masks.

PAPRs and HEPA particulate respirators will interfere with communication during patient care. Worker compliance would be more difficult if these were the only protective filters available. Filters that have a 95% filter efficiency should be acceptable for most health care worker needs.

Thank you for your attention to this letter of support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol L. Hudson".

Carol L. Hudson, R. N.
Vice-President, Operations/Nursing

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