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To Whom This May Concern:

I am writing in support of your agency's proposed rule on Respiratory Protective Devices (RPDs) that includes changes in the current procedures for testing and certifying air purifying respirators used for TB control.

The current OSHA requirements that hospitals utilize HEPA filter respirators for worker protection against TB are extremely restrictive and expensive for healthcare facilities. Finding alternative RPDs that provide the same protection for less expense would be extremely helpful in healthcare facilities' efforts to minimize costs (which are usually passed on to patients by way of increases in charges).

I look forward to future developments regarding this proposed rule, and I thank you for your efforts in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Susan Keaton'.

Susan Keaton, RN, BSN  
Director of Nursing Services

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