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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the proposed standard which includes changes in the current procedures for testing and certifying air-purifying respirators used for tuberculosis control to include the "Class C" respirators. There is a definite need for a certification process that addresses the CDC's performance criteria for respiratory protection against tuberculosis that should be acceptable for most health care worker's needs. It is important that these new testing and certification procedures are implemented in an urgent manner to allow the market to open up for more practical and economic respiratory protection for health care workers against tuberculosis. Being a small, rural hospital which has had no cases of tuberculosis in the 6 1/2 years of my employment, the economic impact of the current CDC proposed standard and current NIOSH certification procedures regarding respiratory protection could be significant to our hospital.

Sincerely,

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