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NIOSH Docket Office Robert A. Taft Laboratories Mail Stop C 34 4678 Columbia Parkway Cincinnati, OH 45226

Dear Mr. Taft:

I am writing to advise NIOSH that our hospital is in support of the Proposed Rule on Respiratory Protective Devices (42 CFR Part 84 Fed Register Vol. 59, No. 99 pp 26850-26893). We feel that the Type C mask, offering 95% efficiency, will provide more than ample protection for our employees.

Also, we believe the anticipated increased number of approved masks for our selection will result in greater comfort and fewer usage problems for health care workers, in addition to better cost control for health care institutions.

Sincerely

Doug Kramer

Chief Executive Officer

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cc: APIC National Office

c/o Jackie Bryan, Chairperson GAC

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