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TO: NIOSH Docket Officer

The members of the Infection Contagion Committee and the Infection Control Department of the Queen's Medical Center have reviewed 42 CFR Part 84 Respiratory Protective Devices; Proposed Rule particularly as it relates to certification criteria for air-purifying respirators for use by personnel caring for patients with known or suspected pulmonary tuberculosis.

The Committee and the Infection Control Department staff are in full support of the NIOSH efforts to provide both adequate respiratory protection against TB for health care workers and still provide a broad range of respiratory protection devices. We look forward to the publication of the final rule and to the availability of a variety of cost effective air-purifying respirators that meet NIOSH criteria and the CDC guidelines.

Sincerely,

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