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Dr. Donna Shalala, , Secretary U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 200 Independence Ave., SW Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Dr. Shalala:

The attached correspondence from Mrs. Shirley Friend, R. N. is submitted for your consideration and comments.

I would appreciate your contacting me in writing with your agency's action on this matter.

In responding, please direct your reply to:

Senator Harris Wofford 521 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510-3803 Attention: Bill Cahir

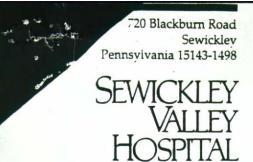
Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Harris Wofford

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Dear Sir,

As an infection control practitioner, Director of Infection Control at Sewickley Valley Hospital, Sewickley Pennsylvania, I wish to state my support of the proposed standard. The previously proposed specifications for particulate filter respirators created considerable burden upon the healthcare industry. Manufacturers need to have greater flexibility than just the edict to create the mandated HEPA particulate respirators.

The requirement for fit testing/fit checking programs is still an added burden and cost to the healthcare industry. TB transmission has not occurred due to inefficiency of masks. This is another example of government fixing what isn't broken.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these regulations and to further render my support.

Sincerely,

Shirley Friend, RN, CPHQ

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Director, Utilization Management/Infection Control

cc: Jackie Bryan

Senator Harris Wofford

Representative Ron Klink

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