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To whom it may concern,

I have been using respirators for twenty-eight years and see this as a huge opportunity to level the playing field for all SCBA users, if we modify 42 CFR Part 84 to allow for a separate standard for cylinders it would enhance the ability for users to replace older cylinders that need replacement while not putting them in financial ruin. We in Industry and the fire service always see to pay the price for safety equipment, unfortunately corners get cut and live are put in harms way due to financial abilities.

Thank you,

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