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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in my capacity as the Chief Quality Officer of US Anesthesia Partners, the largest and highest quality anesthesia private practice in America. The clinicians of USAP are on the front lines of the battle against COVID-19 but are being forced to practice in dangerous conditions because of a lack of critically needed supplies. In particular, N95 masks are nearly impossible to find. My clinical partners have been scavenging and reusing these for several weeks now but are hampered by the inability to decontaminate them effectively.

The University of Nebraska has defined an effective protocol for decontaminating used N95 masks using UVC light, however their equipment and set-up is not feasible for most hospitals. The Lumin machine described in the attached EUA would be ideal for this purpose, and is already known to generate UVC at the intensity needed to inactivate the corona virus. I understand that clinical trials are underway but results may still be weeks off. However we need a solution now.

On behalf of the 4500 anesthesiologists and CRNAs of USAP, and all our clinical colleagues around the country, I strongly urge you to approve the immediate use of the Lumin machine for decontamination of N95 masks.

Sincerely,



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