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To whom it may concern,

I've worked at Exelon's LaSalle County station for 22 years mostly in Radiation Protection and for many reasons I cannot support the proposed work hour controls the NRC wishes to implement.

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The biggest concern the Government and the general public should have is the limit on work hours will force the company to supplement its own employees with temporary workers or outside contractors. These workers do not have the training, job knowledge, plant experience, or pride it takes to do the quality work that we normally do on an everyday basis. Most of the events in the industry usually involve workers not familiar with the system or plant their dealing with. These events end up in our training as "lessons learned" of what not to do on the job.

The second point I would like to make is most of our overtime is voluntary with some workers spending more time on the job, some workers less or as little as possible. Work hour controls would upset the balance of hours to the desire to work them... in other words, individuals who like longer hours won't get them and ones who don't, will. This would create a poor work environment where no one is happy.

In conclusion, as a trained Exelon employee and nuclear worker, I know when to take some time off from work with the process to do this already in place. The Government mandated limits would cause more unintended problems for workers and management at these plants. This is our work and our plant; please give us the opportunity to take care of it.

Thanks for you time,  
Donald Lenski

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