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c/o Commission Secretary
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**RE: Rule #1 Limiting Working Hours for Nuclear Workers
Rule #2 Ensuring Protection of Nuclear Whistleblowers**

Greetings:

It is no more reassuring knowing my children's health could hinge upon the judgment of an exhausted emergency room doctor finishing the final minutes of a 36 hour shift than it is knowing their well-being depends upon fatigued nuclear employees working long shifts considered illegal in other sectors.

Citizens have little peace of mind knowing that nuclear employees routinely work 17 hour shifts and that they may have to make precise, split-second decisions during a crisis arising when they have diminished mental acuity due to fatigue.

Confidence in the nuclear industry is further eroded by the Commission's implicit condoning of whistleblower persecution by supervisors and managers. Would you feel secure if the American Medical Association ignored reports of significant medical misconduct by your family physician for which supervisors intimidated or dismissed the qualified medical staff raising such safety concerns?

Surely you each rely on colleagues in other regulatory agencies to enact rules affording you, as members of the public, the greatest possible margin of safety. It is time you did the same for the public regarding the nuclear industry by ratifying Proposed Rules #1 and #2.

Sincerely,



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