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Secretary of the Commission
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Mr. Secretary;

I urge you to support both NRC proposed rules that ensure the first line of defense is staffed by workers who are free from both fatigue and fear of illegal discrimination. This is essential to

- Prevent fatigue from impairing nuclear plant worker performance;
- Prevent fatigued workers from repairing, inspecting, or testing safety equipment when plants are operating or down;
- Prevent fear from causing workers to remain silent about safety problems;
- Prevent supervisors, managers, and directors from using "ignorance of the law" as a shield for their illegal actions;
- Protect the public and the environment from a nuclear power plant accident.

Keep protecting the Karen Silkwoods and George Galatis of the world. They have been instrumental in protecting the public

Sincerely,

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