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Secretary of the Commission  
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Dear Mr Secretary:

I am writing The Commission to voice my concern about fatigue among the workers at nuclear power plants. I understand that, at times, they are pushed into longer hours than is consistent with safety. Fatigued workers cannot do a good job of insuring the public's safety. A nuclear plant catastrophe would be far more costly to the whole country than the savings in wages justifies. There is no price we can put on the public's safety. This also bears on national security and prestige. In addition to all the deaths and contamination, it would be an embarrassment to the entire United States nation to have a power plant accident. I understand there is consideration at the Commission of enacting regulations that would prevent the long employee hours that cause fatigue and lowered effectiveness that leads to this kind of accident—with all its consequences. So I want to see that regulation approved.

Also, there is a concern about whistleblowers being fired because they blow the whistle on unsafe practices in nuclear plants. The problem seems to be that managers and supervisors can plead ignorance that such firings are illegal. So they can fire with impunity with the "ignorance of the law" excuse at hand. A regulation is coming up for consideration that would remove this excuse by requiring training of managers and supervisors about the law that forbids firing whistleblowers. I am asking the Commission to enact that regulation.

Sincerely yours.

