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Dear Secretary:

This letter is to support the two new proposed rules to ensure that the first line of defense against accidents at nuclear plants is staffed by workers who are free from both fatigue and fear of illegal discrimination. These two rules are essential to:

- prevent fatigue from impairing nuclear plant worker performance
- prevent fatigued workers from repairing, inspecting, and testing safety equipment when nuclear power plants are operating or shut down
- prevent fear from causing nuclear plant 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

Sincerely,



Gary Matthews

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