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

I understand that In the next few months, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will reach decisions on two proposed rules intended to make sure that nuclear workers are an effective line of defense.

These two rules are essential to:

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

From Karen Silkwood in 1974 to George Galatis in 1996, there is a long history of nuclear workers stepping forward to raise safety concerns. Their efforts forced repairs to broken safety equipment at several nuclear power plants and closings of others.

The NRC's regulations should fully protect nuclear workers, the public and the environment.

Regards,
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