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Dear Sir:

I am writing to ask your support for two proposed rules intended to make sure that nuclear workers are an effective line of defense.

Proposed Rule #1 - Establish limits on employee working hours at nuclear power plants: This rule will make the NRC guard against human performance degradation from fatigue just as it has done for drug and alcohol use since the mid 1980s.

Proposed Rule #2 - Training on employee protection regulations to supervisors, managers, and directors: This rule will protect nuclear "whistleblowers" - the plant workers who conscientiously raise safety concerns.

These two rules are essential to:

- 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

Your cooperation in seeing that these two very important rules are adopted will be very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

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