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Secretary of The Commission  
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Dear Sirs/Madam,

I am writing to urge you to support both proposed rules that will ensure nuclear power plant workers are alert and free of 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 accident.

Again, I am urging you to support the proposed rules for everyone's safety.

Sincerely,

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