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Please make sure that nuclear workers are an effective line of defense against nuclear power plant accidents.

Please establish limits on employee working hours at nuclear power plants that guard against performance degradation from fatigue. Nuclear power plant owners must not be allowed to cut costs by reducing staffing to levels that require remaining staff members to work longer hours.

Please assure that "whistleblowers" - plant workers who conscientiously raise safety concerns, are adequately protected by requiring nuclear plant owners to train supervisors and managers on the employee protection regulations so that "ignorance of the law" cannot excuse harassment and intimidation.

It is essential that you:

- 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; and
- protect the public and the environment from a nuclear power plant accident.

Please let me know your views on this issue and what action you intend to take.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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"In our every deliberation, we must consider the impact of our decisions on the next seven generations." From the Great Law of the Iroquois Confederacy

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