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Dear Secretary:

A nuclear power plant accident can cause irreparable damage to the environment and can hurt thousands of people. To help prevent such accidents, I urge you to adopt two proposed rules which will make sure that nuclear workers are an effective line of defense.

First, establish limits on employee working hours at nuclear power plants, thus preventing fatigue from impairing nuclear plant worker performance. Whether the plants are in operation or shut down, nuclear power plant workers need to be alert and vigilant at all times.

Second, give training on employee protection regulations to supervisors and managers and directors. The plant workers who conscientiously raise safety concerns must be protected from harassment and intimidation and those in charge just be made to realize that such treatment is illegal.

Yours truly,

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