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Dear Friends:

I write to urge you to support two proposed rules--#1, to establish limits on employee working hours at nuclear power plants, and #2 to protect nuclear "whistleblowers," the plant workers who conscientiously raise safety concerns. These rules will help ensure that the first line of defense is staffed by workers who are free from both fatigue and fear of illegal discrimination.

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

I hope you see the wisdom and crucial necessity of these rules, and will enact and enforce them as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

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