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Re: Protecting Americans from Fatigued Nuclear Workers Afraid to Voice Safety Concerns

We are writing to indicate our support for Proposals #1 and #2, to ensure that the first line of defense is staffed by workers who are free from both fatigue and 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 plant accident

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