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Dear Mr. Secretary:

We are writing concerning the work conditions of employees at our Nation's nuclear power plants. There are two proposed rules, which will be discussed shortly.

The first establishes limits on the number of hours an employee may work at a nuclear power plant. These workers are the first lines of defense against a nuclear accident. If they are incapacitated do to fatigue, all of our safety may be compromised. We know that human error has contributed to accidents in the past. Present NRC guidelines limiting workers to 16 hrs per or 72 hrs per week, are not mandatory. The Federal government already imposes work limits on pilots and truck drivers; you should do the same for these workers.

The second proposal will protect individuals who conscientiously raise safety issues. Presently supervisors who claim that they were uninformed about the rights of employees can harass these workers. The proposed rule would remove the "ignorance of the law" excuse by requiring mandatory training of managers and supervisors of the rights of their employees

Please support both proposals so as to better assure the safety of our nation's nuclear power plants

Sincerely yours,

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