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Secretary of the Commission US Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Sir or Madam:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of my support for the two proposed rules that are before the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) at this time. The first rule limits the number of working hours for employees at nuclear power plants. As there is scientific research that backs up the direct connection between worker fatigue and the degradation of performance by these employees, all consideration should be given to keeping their working hours at a reasonable and safe limit. The second rule protects the nuclear "whistleblowers" from harassment and intimidation.

Both of these issues require considerable attention to detail to be certain of fairness and logic. I am asking that the NRC support both of these rules to ensure that the first line of defense at our nuclear facilities is staffed by workers who are free from both fatigue and fear of illegal discrimination.

Sincerely,

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