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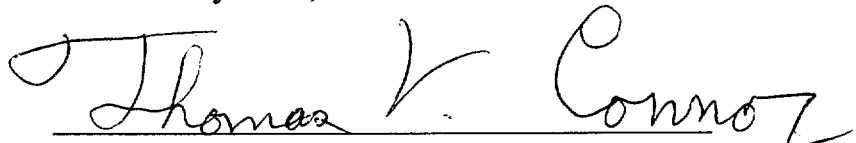
Dear Secretary,

I write to you today to encourage you to enact 2 needed Proposed rules. The first being the rule to establish limits on employee working hours at nuclear power plants. I realize I am tardy in making my public comment on this rule and I apologize. This proposed rule is one I support heartily and feel is absolutely vital to the operation of our nation's nuclear power plants. Worker fatigue is dangerous and compromises safety and speed of reaction to emergencies as I have witnessed repeatedly in my work as a state Correction Officer of 21 years experience.

I also wish to support proposed rule 2 which would afford protection to "whistle blowers" who report or raise safety concerns. Safety, where large numbers of people's well-being and health are concerned should be the foremost concern. It is vital that the jobs of those conscientious employees who alert their supervisors to safety issues be protected and the supervisors be trained in employees protection requirements.

I THANK YOU for the opportunity of commenting as a private citizen on these matters and pray that you will have the knowledge and wisdom to enact the proper rules and regulations that insure the safe, efficient running of our nation's nuclear power facilities.

Safety First,



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