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No change should be made to the current oil spill prevention and response requirements.

Weakening or eliminating oil spill prevention and response requirements effectively transfers the risks of transporting oil onto the backs of communities, fishermen, subsistence users and citizens who depend on clean coastal waters. Such requirements came about after the Exxon Valdez oil spill to set a level of protection, which was nonexistent before March 24, 1989. The regulations have proven useful over the past thirty years, are not overly burdensome to the industry and provide a critical front line of defense against another potentially devastating spill.