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For any of us Alaskans who lived through the Exxon Valdez oil spill catastrophe, we all know the importance of providing protections from oil spills. The question I would ask is, "Do you wait to build a fire station after the fire hits?" Of course not!! Just because we've been lucky enough not to have any disasters to the extreme of the Exxon Valdez in Prince William Sound over the last 30 years, is no reason to let our guard down. If the oil companies and businesses are complaining of their burden and want to roll back regulations because of this and put the onus on Alaskans and the environment, let's ask the cost they and all will suffer when another accident happens, like building the fire house after the harm is done. I say NO to rollbacks and lifting protections from oil spills.