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Ladies and gentlemen,

Sometimes, as we rush ahead with the economics of business, we learn -- too late -- about prevention. When I think of the tragedy of Alaska's oil spill, sadness still tears my heart. With an oil spill, the toll is in otters, birds, and coastal life. I shudder to think of what price one would pay for a plutonium accident, or the burden one would bear for playing a hand in its happening.

Not all accidents can be prevented. But if double hulled tankers had been law and captain standards enforced, the Valdez spill could have been minor or non-existent. Though we can't undo the past, we can direct the future. Murkowski's amendment criteria for standards for plutonium flights are tough standards. For transporting substances like plutonium, we can't afford anything less.

I pray that you weigh your decision carefully. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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