



**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

**Don Young**  
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**James L. Oberstar**  
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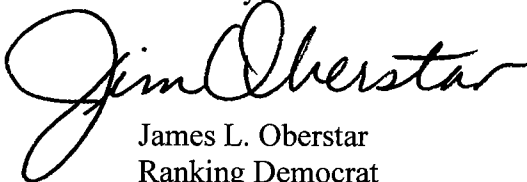
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The Honorable Don Young  
Chairman  
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Dear Chairman Young:

I am concerned about the BP spill on the North Slope of Alaska and its ramifications on energy supply, gasoline prices for consumers, pipeline safety, and environmental damage. I therefore write to request that the Full Committee, upon our return in September, hold an oversight hearing to determine what broke down in BP's operations, what should have been done to prevent the spill, and what laws and regulations need to be strengthened to ensure the safety of our nation's hazardous liquid and gas pipelines in the future.

Sincerely,



James L. Oberstar  
Ranking Democrat