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Sponsor Statement CSSJR 18

CSSJR 18 requests ExxonMobil Corporation pay court ordered damage claims resulting from the Exxon Valdez oil spill. It has been more than 11 years since the spill, and 6 years since an Alaskan jury in federal district court returned a \$5 billion punitive damages judgement against Exxon. Over 40,000 claimants have waited while Exxon has filed numerous motions and appeals to overturn the verdict, request new trials, or otherwise delay payment.

The legislature has been very supportive of the oil industry and has offered many incentives for development. An important element of the partnership between government and industry is good corporate citizenship. In order to help bring closure to the Exxon Valdez oil spill, SJR 18 urges ExxonMobil to immediately pay the court ordered compensatory damages, and if affirmed by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, to pay the punitive damages without further delay or appeal.