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Council of
Alaska Producers

March 15, 2019

Representative John Lincoln, Co-Chair; Representative Geran Tarr, Co-Chair; and Representative Grier Hopkins, Vice-Chair
House Resources Committee
State Capitol
Juneau, 99801

Dear Co-Chair Lincoln, Co-Chair Tarr, Vice-Chair Hopkins, and members of the House Resources Committee:

The Council of Alaska Producers (CAP) is writing to support Governor Dunleavy's nomination of Jason Brune as Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

Formed in 1992, CAP is a non-profit trade association that represents the interests of Alaska's five large metal mines and several advanced projects. CAP informs members on legislative and regulatory issues, supports and advances the mining industry, educates members, the media, and the general public on mining related issues, and promotes economic opportunity and environmentally sound mining practices.

Mr. Brune has devoted his career to responsible resource development that balances economic opportunities and environmental protection for the benefit of Alaska and Alaskans. He has experience working in an Alaska Native Corporation, a multinational company, and an Alaska-based non-profit organization. He has also devoted countless hours to his community through his participation on numerous business and civic organizations, including the Alaska Sealife Center board, the Cook Inlet Beluga Whale Endangered Species Act (ESA) Recovery Team, the Tyonek Tribal Conservation District Board, and the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee.

CAP supports the nomination of Mr. Brune who has the experience and dedication to lead the Department of Environmental Conservation's regulatory efforts.

Thank you for your consideration,

Karen Matthias
Executive Director

From: Ted Hawley

Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 9:03 AM

To: Rep. John Lincoln <Rep.John.Lincoln@akleg.gov>; Rep. Geran Tarr <Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov>; Rep. Grier Hopkins <Rep.Grier.Hopkins@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sara Hannan <Rep.Sara.Hannan@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz <Rep.Ivy.Spohnholz@akleg.gov>; Rep. Chris Tuck <Rep.Chris.Tuck@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Talerico <Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov>; Rep. George Rauscher <Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sara Rasmussen <Rep.Sara.Rasmussen@akleg.gov>
Subject: Jason Brune confirmation as DEC Commissioner

Dear House Resources Committee:

I support Jason Brune as the Commissioner of the Dept. of Environmental Conservation.

I have known Jason for many years through resource and industry activities in Alaska. He is level headed, and speaks the truth.

As of my first discussions with him, he was clear to state that he was a biologist. He was also clear to state that his positions on resource development in Alaska are guided by his scientific background - permitting and environmental compliance should be based on science, and mitigation of environmental impacts associated with the development of Alaska must be based on science.

Emotions and hype can run strong in discussions of Alaska's future, whether the topic of the discussion is community development; commercial and sport harvesting of fish and game; opening or closing of various areas of the state to tourism; construction of new transportation infrastructure; keeping Alaska's waters clean; having safe and sanitary drinking water, wastewater, and solid waste systems; or utilization of Alaska's mineral and petroleum resources. Fortunately, Alaska's future is protected by rigorous and robust federal, state, and local environmental laws and policies - but it takes level headed leaders to make sure those laws are adhered to, and not thrown to the wayside based on hype. Jason is that type of person.

Jason Brune has the administrative and management skills, and a strong technical background, necessary to serve the State and people of Alaska as the Commissioner of DEC.

Respectfully,

William (Ted) Hawley

From: John & Ruth Kato
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 12:00 PM
To: Rep. John Lincoln <Rep.John.Lincoln@akleg.gov>
Subject: DEC Comm.

We strongly support Jason Brune for DEC Commissioner! He's very well qualified for the position. Respectfully submitted, John & Ruth Kato, Juneau

From: Karen Matthias

Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 8:25 AM

To: Rep. John Lincoln <Rep.John.Lincoln@akleg.gov>; Rep. Geran Tarr <Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov>; Rep. Grier Hopkins <Rep.Grier.Hopkins@akleg.gov>; Rep. Chris Tuck <Rep.Chris.Tuck@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz <Rep.Ivy.Spohnholz@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sara Hannan <Rep.Sara.Hannan@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sara Rasmussen <Rep.Sara.Rasmussen@akleg.gov>; Rep. George Rauscher <Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Talerico <Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov>

Subject: Support for Jason Brune as Commissioner of DEC

I have known Jason Brune as a colleague for 15 years and I'm disappointed by the personal attacks directed at him during this confirmation process. I have always admired Jason's integrity, his intelligence, his willingness to seek out and listen to people with different points of view, his insistence on standing up for what he believes, his refusal to be bullied, and his work ethic.

Is he qualified for this position? Yes. His work experience and volunteer history confirm that. I hope that you will have a rigorous hearing today and that, when the times comes, you will base your vote on his qualifications and character.

Thank you.

Karen Matthias
Anchorage

From: Benjamin Mohr

Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 8:31 AM

To: Rep. John Lincoln <Rep.John.Lincoln@akleg.gov>; Rep. Geran Tarr <Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov>; Rep. Grier Hopkins <Rep.Grier.Hopkins@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sara Hannan <Rep.Sara.Hannan@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz <Rep.Ivy.Spohnholz@akleg.gov>; Rep. Chris Tuck <Rep.Chris.Tuck@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Talerico <Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov>; Rep. George Rauscher <Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sara Rasmussen <Rep.Sara.Rasmussen@akleg.gov>

Subject: Jason Brune Confirmation

Dear Co-Chairs Lincoln and Tarr, Vice-Chair Hopkins, and members of the House Resources Committee -

I am writing today in regards to your consideration of the confirmation of Jason Brune to serve Alaska as the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). I've known Jason for about ten years, having the pleasure of working with him as a member and volunteer of an organization he ran, adjacent to him in companies partnered on a project, and for the last three years I've worked directly for him at an Alaska Native Corporation.

Jason's hallmark is his contagious enthusiasm for doing the right things right - most notably in fulfilling Alaska's constitutional obligation to responsibly develop our resources. While some may view Jason simply as a proponent of development, the truth is more detailed. Jason is a proponent of *responsible* development - not of development at any cost.

Alaska has some of the toughest laws in the world when it comes to protecting our environment - and we should. We live in one of the most amazing places on earth, rich in sustenance and resources. These riches do not need to be in conflict - we can have both resource development and healthy, intact ecosystems. When comparing the environmental and safety protections between Alaska and other resource developing jurisdictions, a reasonable person would see that developing in Alaska does the least harm. Jason's tagline "think globally, develop locally" and his refrains of "nobody does it better than Alaska" reflect this.

I wholeheartedly support Jason's nomination to serve as Commissioner at DEC. I trust that Jason understands the gravity of being entrusted with protecting Alaska's people and environment. Jason's love of this state matches anyone's, his intelligence should never be underestimated, and his care for the people around him is remarkable. Alaska will be well served to have such a good person helping to lead our state.

Thank you for your time,

-Ben Mohr

-----Original Message-----

From: Jeanine Schmidt

Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 9:29 AM

To: Rep. John Lincoln <Rep.John.Lincoln@akleg.gov>; Rep. Geran Tarr <Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov>; Representative.Grier.Hopkin@akleg.gov; Rep. Sara Hannan <Rep.Sara.Hannan@akleg.gov>; Representative.Ivy.Sponholz@akleg.gov; Rep. Chris Tuck <Rep.Chris.Tuck@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Talerico <Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov>; Rep. George Rauscher <Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sara Rasmussen <Rep.Sara.Rasmussen@akleg.gov>
Subject: Please confirm Jason Brune as DEC commissioner

Dear Representatives,

I am writing to ask you to approve Jason Brune as Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation. I have known Jason for over 10 years, both when I worked for the U.S. Geological Survey and since retirement.

He has the education and background needed for this position. His previous experience in some of the industries he would be helping regulate will be invaluable in understanding exactly how regulations can be implemented and the pitfalls of specific situations. Jason is invariably patient, fair, and open to new information, and he would make an very good commissioner.
Thank you.

Jeanine M. Schmidt PhD

From: JT Shively
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 11:00 AM
To: Rep. John Lincoln <Rep.John.Lincoln@akleg.gov>
Subject: Support for Jason Brune

Dear Rep. Lincoln:

I urge you to support the nomination of Jason Brune for the position of Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). He is an outstanding individual and well qualified to hold that position.

His experience in Alaska includes work in the public, private, and non-profit sectors. That experience has taught him that it is vital for agencies such as DEC to issue permits that meet the laws and regulations of Alaska and are based on sound science. He knows that it is far better for a developer to be issued a permit with stringent mitigation measures that will stand up to litigation than it is to receive a weak permit which is revoked by the courts.

Much of Mr. Brune's opposition comes from groups such as Stand for Salmon, groups which promoted Ballot Measure 1 in the last election - an initiative that would have brought resource development and many other activities in our state to a halt . These groups do not have Alaska's long term economic interests in their policy portfolios.

As a science-based regulatory agency, DEC will greatly benefit from Mr. Brune's technical expertise and work experience.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely Yours,

John Shively

Rick Solle

March 14, 2019

Representative John Lincoln, Chair
Representative Geran Tarr, Chair
House Resources Committee
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Support for Jason Brune

Dear Representatives Lincoln and Tarr:

This letter is to support the nomination of Jason Brune as Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

I have known Mr. Brune professionally for close to 20 years, as he and I both worked for businesses in the resource development industry during that time. Mr. Brune is a passionate man, who values science and open communication. I have always found him to be a respecter of fact based processes, willing to stand with integrity even if it is unpleasant - a distinguishing trait and one especially needed today.

The State would be well served to have Mr. Jason Brune as Commissioner of the DEC and I am pleased to support his nomination.

Thank you for your consideration.

Rick Solle

Cc: Representative Grier Hopkins
Representative Dave Talbot

-----Original Message-----

From: Beki Toussaint

Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 10:06 AM

To: Rep. John Lincoln <Rep.John.Lincoln@akleg.gov>

Subject: Brune Confirmation

Please accept this email as my request for you to confirm Jason Brune for DEC Commissioner. I feel strongly that he is qualified and will make sound decisions in the best interest of the State of Alaska and it's people.

Thank you for your time,
Beki Toussaint

Alaskan resident, educator, environmental scientist, and supporter of responsible development of our natural resources.

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****TRANSMITTED VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL****

March 14, 2019

House Resources Committee
ATTN: Co-Chair, Rep. John Lincoln
Co-Chair, Rep. Geran Tarr
Alaska State Capitol Building
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Rep. Lincoln and Rep. Tarr,

I would like to offer my support for the confirmation of DEC Commissioner-Designee Jason Brune.

The FNSB has a close working relationship and partnership with the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to address multiple issues regarding the environmental protection and health of our community. Specifically, the FNSB has challenges in meeting air quality attainment standards for fine particulates (PM_{2.5}) and groundwater contamination plumes from perflorinated compounds (PF). Since Mr. Brune's appointment in December 2018, he has repeatedly met with myself and other borough officials who are working to address these issues. It is clear that Mr. Brune has taken the time to understand the complicated nature of these challenges and the potential consequences of the various options moving forward.

Mr. Brune comes from a background working for resource industries and understands the challenges and opportunities for better partnership between the State of Alaska and industry. While working for Cook Inlet Region Inc., Mr. Brune worked to identify priorities for addressing contaminated lands and has the expertise needed to identify and address the many contaminated sites throughout Alaska and the Borough.

I understand there has been opposition to Mr. Brune's appointment, centered on his previous roles with the Alaska Resource Development Council and the Pebble Mine project; however, my experience with Mr. Brune has been very encouraging. I look forward to continue working with him as the Borough works in partnership with the state to address these issues.

Sincerely,

Bryce J. Ward
Mayor

cc: Sen. John Coghill
Sen. Click Bishop
Sen. Scott Kawasaki

Rep. Steve Thompson
Rep. Tammie Wilson
Rep. Dave Talerico

Rep. Adam Wool
Rep. Bart LeBon
Rep. Grier Hopkins



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March 14, 2019

Representative John Lincoln, Chair
Representative Geran Tarr, Chair
House Resources Committee
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Letter of Support for Jason Brune

Dear Representatives Lincoln and Tarr:

The Alaska Miners Association (AMA) writes to support the nomination of Jason Brune as Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

AMA is a professional membership trade organization established in 1939 to represent the mining industry in Alaska. We are composed of more than 1,500 members that come from eight statewide branches: Anchorage, Denali, Fairbanks, Haines, Juneau, Kenai, Ketchikan/Prince of Wales, and Nome. Our members include individual prospectors, geologists, engineers, vendors, suction dredge miners, small family mines, junior mining companies, and major mining companies. We look for and produce gold, silver, platinum, molybdenum, lead, zinc, copper, coal, limestone, sand and gravel, crushed stone, armor rock, and other materials.

Alaska's miners have worked with Mr. Brune for a number of years, most recently in his role at Cook Inlet Region Inc. (CIRI). He has developed a reputation within the regulated community as having extensive knowledge on Alaska biology. When approaching any issue, Mr. Brune has always focused on the science, maintained that resource development must be responsible, and strives to achieve what is truly best for Alaska.

Mr. Brune has worked in Alaska in the public, private, and non-profit sectors, and in all, he has remained focused on science above politics. As a science-based regulatory agency, DEC would greatly benefit from Mr. Brune's technical expertise, and we support his confirmation as Commissioner.

Thank you for your consideration,

Deantha Crockett
Executive Director

March 8, 2019

Dear Representatives,

I have known Jason Brune for more than 20 years. Above all, Jason has the highest level of personal and professional integrity and I have no doubt he will execute the office of DEC Commissioner in a balanced, measured manner consistent with the best interest of the State of Alaska and its people. Jason understands the importance of resource development for our economy but has the scientific background to understand and evaluate projects from the perspective of environmental stewardship. I urge you to confirm his nomination.

**Gregory A. Beischer
President & CEO
Millrock Resources Inc**

March 14, 2019

Hi John Lincoln,

My name is Christy Cincotta, and I am a resident of Anchorage. I am writing to voice my support for Jason Brune's nomination as the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

For the past several years, I have worked closely with Jason Brune in my role as the Executive Director of Tyonek Tribal Conservation District (TTCD), a nonprofit tribal conservation organization. I first worked with Jason in his role at the CIRI Lands Dept as a partner, and he later became a board member for Tyonek Tribal Conservation District and then Vice-Chair of the board. Jason showed incredible dedication as a board member, always going above and beyond to support our organization and its mission to conserve, enhance, and encourage the wise use of natural resources.

I recently became aware that Jason is facing opposition to his nomination and being portrayed as "an avid mine supporter." Jason certainly has a development background, but I wanted to make sure that you are also aware that he has a conservation background. At TTCD, we have made major strides to restore salmon habitat, support healthy subsistence resources, and improve rural food security, and I strongly believe that these efforts could not have been nearly as successful with the support of Jason Brune.

Based on my professional and personal dealings with Jason, I know that he cares deeply about conservation and healthy natural resources, and he believes in responsible development. I believe that Jason is smart and fair-minded, that he does not rush to judgement, and that he will make thoughtful informed decisions in this role. I know that the conservation organization that I serve benefited from Jason's involvement, and I believe that the state would benefit with Jason as the Commissioner of DEC.

Thank you for your time. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Christy Cincotta

March 14, 2019

Dear Committee Members,

Please consider confirming Jason Brune as Commissioner of DEC. We have 2 types of people who are adequately qualified to have such a position, both of which generally have a firm grasp of the process and regulations. They include those who opposed to any sort of development of our states resources, and those who understand the process, are involved with industry, and know people depend on it for their livelihood. Which one do you suppose cares more about the people, jobs and sustainability of the state? No one wants to destroy the environment, we have laws and regulations protecting it. The commissioners job is to uphold them.

I've heard a few negative comments about Jason being qualified to be Commissioner, most all linked to his time at Pebble. One thing to consider about Pebble, if it wasn't in a controversial location, it would be considered the most extraordinary mine in the world. You hear very little about Red Dog or Fort Knox in a negative light. If Pebble was in one or the other locations, it would be ranked right behind Prudo in terms of its impact to the state's commerce. It's not some run-of-the mill gold/copper mine, but it is truly a deposit and project that would rank at the top. The prestige of working at such an operation would be on par to working at the most elite company or gov. position. Having someone who was involved with a project of such magnitude speaks volumes about Jason's capabilities. Those type of jobs are not just handed out like candy, people are searched out, and selected specifically for their talents. They aren't won by votes, they are won by talent.

Our state has regulations and law in place to protect the environment. I'm confident that Jason has the ability, knowledge and potential to protect the environment while allowing reasonable job creating and state SUSTAINING projects to move forward.

Please confirm Jason as DEC Commissioner.

Regards
Ivan Clark P.E.
Chugiak

March 14, 2019

Members of the House Resources Committee,

I support the confirmation of Jason Brune to the position of Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation.

I have known and worked with Mr. Brune for many years and find him to be an honorable and hard working person. He has a strong background in the issues with which he will be dealing at DEC. He is a qualified professional who will do well leading the department.

I strongly encourage you to support his confirmation.

Denny DeWitt

DeWitt & DeWitt, LLC

From: Richard Hughes

Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 10:55 AM

To: Rep. John Lincoln <Rep.John.Lincoln@akleg.gov>; Rep. Geran Tarr <Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov>; Representative.Grier.Hopkins@akleg.gov; Representative.Sara.hannah@akleg.gov; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz <Rep.Ivy.Spohnholz@akleg.gov>; Rep. Chris Tuck <Rep.Chris.Tuck@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Talerico <Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov>; Rep. George Rauscher <Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sara Rasmussen <Rep.Sara.Rasmussen@akleg.gov>

Subject: Confirmation Hearing - Jason Brune, Commissioner DEC

Dear Resources Committee:

I wish to go on record as supporting the confirmation of Jason Brune to the DEC Commissioner's position in the administration. I have known Jason for many years and have found him to be very energetic, bright, experienced, professional and of high integrity. Your confirmation consideration is greatly appreciated.

Best regards,

RA Hughes

Richard A. Hughes, PE

H2T Mine Engineering Services, LLP

From: Michael Jespersion

Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 11:36 AM

To: Rep. John Lincoln <Rep.John.Lincoln@akleg.gov>; Rep. Geran Tarr <Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov>; Rep. Grier Hopkins <Rep.Grier.Hopkins@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sara Hannan <Rep.Sara.Hannan@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz <Rep.Ivy.Spohnholz@akleg.gov>; Rep. Chris Tuck <Rep.Chris.Tuck@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Talerico <Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov>; Rep. George Rauscher <Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sara Rasmussen <Rep.Sara.Rasmussen@akleg.gov>

Cc: Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>

Subject: DEC Commissioner

House Resources Committee,

I am writing to let you know of my support for Jason Brune to become the DEC Commissioner for the State of Alaska.

I first met Jason 7 or 8 years ago. At the time he was working with the Resource Development Council. Having recently learned of the RDC's existence I was skeptical of its mission and was looking into it. Jason invited me to attend some RDC meetings, introduced me to several members and board members as well as pointed out several hundred pages of testimony and positions put forward by the RDC. I soon learned that the RDC is one of the few if not the only organization in Alaska that successfully brings together the Fishing, Tourism, Mining, Forestry, and Oil and Gas industries along with many Native Corporations to promote Responsible Resource development. Not all development but responsible development.

Jason Brune in particular looks at science based research and facts when evaluating projects. I have not seen him be swayed by emotional arguments from either side on environmental issues. Time and again I have heard Jason say a project should not be built if it can not scientifically meet the legal burden put in place by regulations. I believe this stance to have cost him friendships and possibly financial rewards. Nevertheless he stands by his stated beliefs because they follow the law, they are morally correct and they help insure the environment will be passed to my children (and his) in the best condition possible.

If confirmed as Commissioner of DEC Jason Brune will follow the law, he will follow science and if there is a gray area between the two I believe he will ask the Legislature to craft law to eliminate the gray.

I do not say this of many people, it is a statement I do not take lightly because it reflects on my personal integrity but I Trust Jason Brue to Follow The Law as DEC COMMISSIONER, I Trust him to do what is right for Alaska and the Environment my children will inherit.

I can think of no better person to fill the role of DEC Commissioner at this point in Alaska's history.

I have copied Representative Andy Josephson on this message as he is my Representative.

Respectfully

Michael Jespersion

Anchorage AK 99507

March 12, 2019

Dear Rep. Lincoln,

Please vote YES to confirm DEC Commissioner Jason Brune.

He is doing a great job. I've heard him speak several times and is exactly on target for what we need to do in Alaska to get out of the pickle we are in as well as better management of DEC.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ray Kreig

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Ray Kreig
RA Kreig & Associates



March 15, 2019

Rep. Geran Tarr, Co-Chair
Rep. John Lincoln, Co-Chair
House Resources Committee

sent via email house.resources@akleg.gov

Re: Letter of Support for Jason Brune-Confirmation for Commissioner

Dear Chairpersons, Tarr and Lincoln,

The Alaska Independent Power Producers Association (AIPPA)¹ is a statewide association of Independent Power Producers. AIPPA's goal is to encourage and promote independent power production in the State of Alaska. AIPPA respectfully submits this letter of support of Jason Brune to serve as our next Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

Mr. Brune has a history of supporting lower cost renewable energy development in Alaska and has demonstrated his fact and science-based approach to regulations. He has earned a well-deserved reputation in his business dealings and is open and approachable by those that have worked with him that includes Native, environmental, and non-profit interests. He has served on the Alaska Sealife Center Board, Cook Inlet Beluga Whale Endangered Species Act (ESA) Recovery Team, Tyonek Tribal Conservation District Board, the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee. Mr. Brune has a record of supporting responsible development while believing in and supporting Alaska's environmental regulations. His biology and environmental science background provide the education qualifications essential to lead DEC.

Mr. Brune is respected, approachable, well regarded and is solution oriented. We support Mr. Brune and ask for your confirmation of his appointment as Commissioner to administer Alaska's environmental regulations in a fair and responsible manner.

Respectfully

Duff W. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Ninilchik Traditional Council

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March 1, 2019

RE: Jason Brune DEC Commissioner Confirmation Support

Dear Honorable Senator or Representative:

The Ninilchik Traditional Council (NTC), governing body of the federally recognized Ninilchik Village Tribe, respectfully submits this letter of support, fully endorsing Mr. Jason Brune and his confirmation as Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). As you are aware, and among many other positive accolades, Mr. Brune served for many years as the senior director of land and resources at Cook Inlet Region Inc. (CIRI). It was during this time that we had the pleasure of working together on various projects and endeavors, and in close partnership with our Village Corporation- Ninilchik Native Association, Inc. (NNAI).

We always found Mr. Brune to be pragmatic, professional and positive in his work, equally balancing development opportunities with potential environmental and social impacts. The tribe was able to work with partners such as CIRI in completing fish habitat enhancement projects through culvert replacements, managing subsistence moose harvest programs on their lands, and implementing agreements such as a camp for our youth on CIRI property. Mr. Brune has also strived to establish priorities for addressing contaminated lands. In addition, he has served on important boards and organizations that are meaningful to the tribes and villages, such as the Cook Inlet Beluga Whale Endangered Species Act (ESA) Recovery Team and the Tyonek Tribal Conservation District Board. The Ninilchik Village Tribe wholeheartedly and fully supports his confirmation as DEC Commissioner. We can think of nobody who is more qualified or appropriate to serve in this capacity. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ivan Z. Encelewski
Executive Director

Rep. John Lincoln

From: Kirstie Gray <kirstie@grayservicesak.com>
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2019 4:07 PM
To: Rep. John Lincoln
Subject: Our Next Commissioner Jason Brune

Good afternoon,

Like most in Alaska, I love our state. Clean open waters to fish in, beautiful mountains to hike, and companies in our community that know the importance of our environment and resource development. When companies spend YEARS on projects just to get to the EIS stage, they can't be said to rushing anything through. It shows dedication to their project and our state. Just because a truly good man like Jason Brune once worked for Cook Inlet Region, Inc, Anglo America and on the Pebble Project doesn't make him the enemy. It makes him the right person for the job as it makes Alaska safer knowing that someone with such a clear vision for our future and a moral compass that knows we must use all our resources wisely has been chosen to be the DEC Commissioner. From just his experiences we are talking about a man that's in his community, playing sports, showing up to help out at PTAC functions and helping raise funds for school projects, because he knows it is the right thing to do. Jason's multiple board service commitments shows his true dedication to the State of Alaska. PLEASE don't let outside Environmentalists who clearly don't have the facts on both Alaska Resources Projects and Jason's true nature decide who we will have in this position. You can't please everyone and chances are they won't be happy with anyone in this role and when do we say, "enough is enough"! We certainly know what's best for our state. Let's prove it and let Jason get to work.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerley,

Kirstie Gray
Gray Services, LLC
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From: Kirstie Gray [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2019 4:07 PM
To: Rep. John Lincoln <Rep.John.Lincoln@akleg.gov>
Subject: Our Next Commissioner Jason Brune

Good afternoon,

Like most in Alaska, I love our state. Clean open waters to fish in, beautiful mountains to hike, and companies in our community that know the importance of our environment and resource development. When companies spend YEARS on projects just to get to the EIS stage, they can't be said to rushing anything through. It shows dedication to their project and our state. Just because a truly good man like Jason Brune once worked for Cook Inlet Region, Inc, Anglo America and on the Pebble Project doesn't make him the enemy. It makes him the right person for the job as it makes Alaska safer knowing that someone with such a clear vision for our future and a moral compass that knows we must use all our resources wisely has been chosen to be the DEC Commissioner. From just his experiences we are talking about a man that's in his community, playing sports, showing up to help out at PTAC functions and helping raise funds for school projects, because he knows it is the right thing to do. Jason's multiple board service commitments shows his true dedication to the State of Alaska. PLEASE don't let outside Environmentalists who clearly don't have the facts on both Alaska Resources Projects and Jason's true nature decide who we will have in this position. You can't please everyone and chances are they won't be happy with anyone in this role and when do we say, "enough is enough"! We certainly know what's best for our state. Let's prove it and let Jason get to work.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerley,

Kirstie Gray
Gray Services, LLC
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From: Deryl Box [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2019 1:36 PM
To: Rep. John Lincoln <Rep.John.Lincoln@akleg.gov>
Subject: DEC Commissioner

Representative Lincoln,

Jason Brune is a highly qualified candidate and I strongly encourage you to confirm his appointment.

Thank you,

Deryl Box – Sales Representative – Fairbanks
Construction Machinery Industrial, LLC

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March 25, 2019

Representative John Lincoln, Chair
Representative Geran Tarr, Chair
House Resources Committee
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Support for Jason Brune

Dear Representatives

I sincerely urge you to support Jason Brune to serve as Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

I have known Jason for approximately 15 years and have always been impressed with his knowledge of issues and true love of Alaska. With the multiple positions Jason has held and his formal schooling he has the experience and knowledge to be the Commissioner of ADEC. Alaska is a resource State and I believe Mr. Brune with his sound science background together with his work experience would make an excellent choice for this position.

Again, I urge a confirmation of Mr. Brune as Commissioner of ADEC

Sincerely,

Raymond Kukowski

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To: House Resources Co-Chairs Tarr and Lincoln

This email is submitted to express my support for Mr. Jason Brune's appointment to the role of Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC). I have known Mr. Brune for more than 20 years and believe he will lead ADEC effectively to follow its mission of *"Conserving, improving, and protecting Alaska's natural resources and environment to enhance the health, safety, economic, and social well-being of Alaskans."*

Mr. Brune has the professional experience, education, temperament and the balanced perspective required for this important position. He has broad experience working for an Alaska Native Corporation, a multinational natural resource development corporation, an Alaska-based non-profit organization and as an adjunct professor for the University of Alaska. He also devotes countless hours to his community through his participation on numerous business and civic organizations, including the Alaska Sealife Center board, the Cook Inlet Beluga Whale Endangered Species Act (ESA) Recovery Team, the Tyonek Tribal Conservation District Board, and the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee.

In conclusion, I strongly support the appointment of Mr. Brune for the role of Commissioner of ADEC.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Stan Foo

Eagle River, AK

From: Ben Mohr [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 6:45 PM
To: Rep. John Lincoln <Rep.John.Lincoln@akleg.gov>
Subject: Commissioner Appointments

Dear Representative Lincoln,

The Kenai River Sportfishing Association (KRSA) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit fishery-conservation organization that works to ensure the long-term health and sustainability of fishery resources in the Kenai River, Cook Inlet and elsewhere in Alaska, through advocacy of sport and personal use fisheries and the promotion of science-based fishery management and conservation.

KRSA is pleased to support the appointments of Doug Vincent-Lang, Jason Brune, and Corri Feige to serve as Commissioners of the Alaska Departments of Fish and Game, Environmental Conservation, and Natural Resources, respectively. Attached are three letters we have prepared for your consideration, speaking to our support of each commissioner-designee.

We urge your support for these individuals in the confirmation process, and we are happy to respond to any questions or concerns you may have.

Best regards,

Ben Mohr

Executive Director
Kenai River Sportfishing Association

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From: Graham, Dan [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 7:58 AM
To: Rep. Sara Rasmussen <Rep.Sara.Rasmussen@akleg.gov>; Rep. George Rauscher <Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Talerico <Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov>; Rep. Chris Tuck <Rep.Chris.Tuck@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz <Rep.Ivy.Spohnholz@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sara Hannan <Rep.Sara.Hannan@akleg.gov>; Rep. Grier Hopkins <Rep.Grier.Hopkins@akleg.gov>; Rep. Geran Tarr <Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov>; Rep. John Lincoln <Rep.John.Lincoln@akleg.gov>
Subject: House Resources Confirmation Hearing - Com. Brune

Dear Committee Members:

I wanted to voice my support for Jason Brune as our next commissioner of ADEC. I have known Jason, a degreed biologist, for over 25 years in my professional life here in Alaska. Jason has shown great diversity in his ability to see all sides of an issue. He was an active board member of the Alaska Sealife Center and personally established an award for ocean stewardship along with a \$1,000 cash payment to the recipient. He was the first at-large board member for the Tyonek Tribal Conservation District and actively participated in advancing that program to where it is today. He was a member of the Cook Inlet Beluga Recovery Plan team, working to establish actions needed to help the population recover.

These are clear examples of Jason's integrity and his concern and care for the environment. I think he would make an excellent leader of the ADEC team.

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From: Tom Harris [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 5:45 PM
To: Rep. John Lincoln <Rep.John.Lincoln@akleg.gov>
Subject: Support Confirmation for the Nomination of Jason Brune for Commissioner of DEC

Dear Senators and Representatives:

My name is Tom Harris and while I have the honor and privilege of serving as CEO of Knikatnu, Inc. the ANCSA Village Corporation for the Knik/Wasilla area, a Director of Cape Fox Corporation, the ANCSA Village Corporation for the Saxman Community, near Ketchikan and past President Alaska Village Initiatives, Inc., my testimony here is put forth as an individual on my own behalf.

I write to recommend for your consideration the nomination of Mr. Jason Brune to the post of Commissioner of Department of Environmental Conservation.

While there are be many vocal detractors who don't personally know Mr. Brune, I challenge those detractors to examine the entire fields of experience represented in Mr. Brune to find someone as experienced in representing the interests of all Alaskans. While his resume is clear on many issues I bring forth for your consideration these areas that many not be as well known:

A. Mr. Brune has served as Board Member of Alaska's first and largest Tribal Conservation District in Tyonek whose mission is "to conserve, enhance, and encourage the wise use of the natural resources. ",

- While 8,400 sq. miles of the Kenai Peninsula has had a dramatic reduction in wildlife harvest resources, with a documented loss of 90%+ of the once world reknown, Kenai moose harvest since Hammond left office; thanks to their Tribal Conservation District, Tyonek enjoys an abundance in wildlife harvests and moose populations. No other region of the Kenai Borough can make this claim. Ask Jason, he'll show you how its done.
- Tyonek is the first among 23 new Tribal Conservation Districts statewide in Alaska, that for the first time are bringing to Alaska millions of federal dollars annually to restore and rejuvenate Alaska wildlife resources, without requiring any matching funds from the State of Alaska.
- No one in any previous administration, has the knowledge or the experience of Mr. Brune in understanding how all Alaskans can benefit from Tribal Conservation Districts functioning not as competing interests with the State of Alaska but completing interests with the State of Alaska and all Alaskans.
- Federal Funds available to and through Tribal Conservation Districts are not restricted to ANCSA lands but can be used anywhere in cooperative agreements with and permission by the State. Governor Dunleavy's nomination of Mr. Jason Brune, brings that knowledge, leadership and trust experience he has earned into the State, to support important environmental resources efforts important to Alaskans that would otherwise go unfunded.

B. Mr. Brune has served as a Key Management member of Cook Inlet Region, Inc., in the particular position of maintaining and encouraging positive and environmentally sound relationships with all of the Village Corporations in the Cook Inlet Region. I have had the privilege of know Mr. Brune as a professional working to protect not only the legitimate business interests of both the surface estate owners, the Village Corporations and the subsurface estate owner CIRI, in the development of lands

including gravel pits. In virtually every instance, without fail, Mr. Brune has gone out of his way to ensure that we fairly and equitably address the environmental concerns in every transaction. At no time were profits considered above environmental safety. His experience in working with development industries such as mining, helped us better prepare for not only a safe and sane development but also what bonding and evaluations has to happen after to return the property to an environmentally safe and stable status. Having CIRI and Mr. Brune in our corner allowed us to make good and sound decisions, for the benefit of all.

I stand in support of this nomination, in large part because I have come to know Mr. Brune as a man of integrity and honesty, who strives to be fair and equitable in all tasks before him and to all he represents. I know him to be an ethical and diligent leader who seeks only the best for those he works with and for.

I urge your support for the confirmation of Mr. Jason Brune as Commission of Alaska Department of Environment Conservation. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

Tom Harris

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From: Richard Hughes [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 10:55 AM
To: Rep. John Lincoln <Rep.John.Lincoln@akleg.gov>
Subject: Confirmation Hearing - Jason Brune, Commissioner DEC

Dear Resources Committee:

I wish to go on record as supporting the confirmation of Jason Brune to the DEC Commissioner's position in the administration. I have known Jason for many years and have found him to be very energetic, bright, experienced, professional and of high integrity. Your confirmation consideration is greatly appreciated.

Best regards,

RA Hughes

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March 10, 2019

Dear the Honorable Representative John Lincoln and Representative Geran Tarr; Chairs, House Resources Committee

I am writing to support Jason Brune's nomination for Commissioner of DEC. I have worked with Jason Brune in various capacities inside and outside state government. I have worked with him on issues on which we agreed, and issues with which we disagreed. I have always found him to be a good listener who respects the facts. I believe he is an intelligent, hard worker, who understands that Alaska must protect its air and water for its people and industry. While others may disagree with him on policies, I doubt they will find a better listener, nor someone who better respects facts.

I urge your support for his nomination.

Sincerely,
- Bob Loeffler

Bob Loeffler

March 14, 2019

Representatives,

I write today in support of Jason Brune's confirmation as Commissioner of DEC. His education and work experience makes him eminently qualified to hold this position. Alaska is lucky to have someone of Jason's qualifications willing to serve the State.

Neil MacKinnon

March 14, 2019

Just a quick note;

My appointments tomorrow do not allow me time to come and testify in person in favor of Mr. Brune.

After reviewing his resume I find his depth and breadth of experience to be the exact mix we need as DEC Commissioner. I am especially impressed with his background at CIRI and at the RDC (Resource Development Council).

I believe his work experience and his volunteer experience will do DEC proud.

Thank you for your time.

PA

PeggyAnn E. McConnochie

From: Lori Nelson

Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 10:34 AM

To: Rep. John Lincoln <Rep.John.Lincoln@akleg.gov>; Rep. Geran Tarr <Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov>; Rep. Grier Hopkins <Rep.Grier.Hopkins@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sara Hannan <Rep.Sara.Hannan@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz <Rep.Ivy.Spohnholz@akleg.gov>; Rep. Chris Tuck <Rep.Chris.Tuck@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Talerico <Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sara Rasmussen <Rep.Sara.Rasmussen@akleg.gov>

Subject: Brune Confirmation - ADEC

To Members of the House Resources Committee:

I'm writing to you this morning to ask that you confirm Jason Brune as the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. Jason's experience in resource development and his commitment to Alaska will most definitely result in keeping safety, conservation, efficiency at the forefront of the Agency's efforts. Thank you for your consideration.

Lori Nelson
Anchorage, AK

March 8, 2019

Representative John Lincoln,

I feel that Jason Brune is highly qualified for this position and support his confirmation. Jason has time and time again proved his dedication to the State of Alaska and protecting our valuable resources for future generations.

Thanks,

Gene Pool
Oxford Assaying & Refining Corp.

From: Rob Retherford

Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 9:25 AM

To: Rep. John Lincoln <Rep.John.Lincoln@akleg.gov>; Rep. Geran Tarr <Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov>; Rep. Grier Hopkins <Rep.Grier.Hopkins@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sara Hannan <Rep.Sara.Hannan@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz <Rep.Ivy.Spohnholz@akleg.gov>; Rep. Chris Tuck <Rep.Chris.Tuck@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Talerico <Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov>; Rep. George Rauscher <Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sara Rasmussen <Rep.Sara.Rasmussen@akleg.gov>
Cc: Michelle Johnson <mjohnson@alaskaearthsciences.com>; Bill Ellis <wellis@alaskaearthsciences.com>

Subject: Mr. Jason Brune

Dear House Resources Committee Members,

I wish to testify in support of Jason Brune as the Governor's Nominee for Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

I have known Mr. Brune for about 15 years. First as the executive director of Resource Development Council, later as the executive director of the Alaska Miners Association. In those positions he was a very positive and energetic force for these associations, groups which have always focused on the development of Alaska's Resources yet both have a clear charter to first be responsible citizens of Alaska and the United States; to develop where it can be done wisely.

I got to know him much better after he became the Resource Manager for Cook Inlet Region Inc. (CIRI). This in-depth introduction began when Mr. Brune turned to my company (Alaska Earth Sciences) for help and advice on identifying and developing the minerals and coal resources on CIRI lands. Throughout those years of involvement at CIRI, I was impressed not only by his focus to aid CIRI in its efforts to develop its resources but that he was also very aware of the balance that must be maintained with the other resources of the region; fisheries, hunting, subsistence and tourism. He made sure that the goals of his mineral development program did not compromise other resources important to the shareholders of CIRI.

His biology degree has helped him understand both sides of issues that so often confront resource development. The very fact that he chose to focus on biology in his later years of education indicates a strong interest and concern for the natural habitats of Alaska. His work with our company during his tenure at CIRI clearly demonstrated his clear and balanced perspective on the wise use of our lands. His strong leadership skills and his ability to find consensus in diverse groups will certainly be of value to him in this new position.

I endorse Jason Brune as Commissioner for the Department of Environmental Conservation. Thank you for your attention.

Robert M. Retherford, President Alaska Earth Sciences

From: Glenn Ruckhaus
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2019 10:18 AM
To: Rep. Geran Tarr <Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov>; Rep. John Lincoln <Rep.John.Lincoln@akleg.gov>; Rep. Grier Hopkins <Rep.Grier.Hopkins@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sara Hannan <Rep.Sara.Hannan@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz <Rep.Ivy.Spohnholz@akleg.gov>; Rep. Chris Tuck <Rep.Chris.Tuck@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Talerico <Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov>; Rep. George Rauscher <Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sara Rasmussen <Rep.Sara.Rasmussen@akleg.gov>
Cc: Sen. Chris Birch <Sen.Chris.Birch@akleg.gov>
Subject: Jason Brune Confirmation Support

Dear House Resource Committee:

I am pleased to submit this email in support of Jason Brune as the nominee for Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. Normally, I do not submit written endorsements as I prefer the process to move forward based solely on the candidate's record and their own testimony before the selection committee. However, in this case I am motivated by what I believe is misguided opposition by a vocal group to a qualified and competent candidate - misguided because the vocal opposition automatically assumes that Jason will bias policy and decisions in favor of former employers and colleagues.

Alaska has a small, close-knit, professional community, and associations with industry or non-governmental organizations are almost impossible to avoid and still earn a living. If we use the logic that a candidate's past professional associations will dictate their decisions as a state regulator and affect their eligibility for this type of role, the list of qualified Alaska candidates allowed to fill these positions, including most of the members of this resource committee, would be very short. The incumbent ADEC Commissioner Larry Hartig, who I regard as the best commissioner that has ever served the State, comes from the same ilk as Jason. Larry was an attorney with Hartig-Rhodes, whose clients included many oil and gas and mining clients. Larry had to make many policy and regulatory decisions during his tenure, and I am confident you will find his leadership and decisions were based solely on a thorough analysis of science and facts, a process that Jason will surely follow.

There are other examples of regulators with associations with non-governmental environmental organizations who have served the State well. During the permitting of Alpine Satellites that I was involved with; the Director of the Division of Habitat and Restoration, Department of Fish and Game was concurrently President of the Alaska Chapter of the Sierra Club. If we had assumed, incorrectly, that the Director's affiliation with Sierra Club would influence his permitting decisions, he would have been in gross violation of professional ethics. Yet, the director was able to separate his affiliations outside of his employment to make decisions and recommendations based on facts and science, and as far as I know no complaints were ever filed. These are two examples of how true professionals separate their personal and professional interests to fulfill their State responsibilities with the highest professional standards for the best interest of the State of Alaska.

Glenn Ruckhaus | President
Owl Ridge Natural Resource Consultants, Inc.

March 12, 2019

Co-Chair Tarr, Co-Chair Lincoln, and members of the House Resources Committee,

I am writing today to express my personal support of the nomination of Jason Brune as Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC.)

I have known Jason both personally and professionally for over a decade and I believe he is eminently qualified for this post. His education and private sector experience in Alaska have provided him with a diverse background that will serve him well as he manages the complexities of DEC.

There is no question that Jason supports a transparent, science based regulatory process and he has a proven ability to work with stakeholders on complex and divisive issues. He believes that Alaska can set an example for the rest of the world through responsibly developing our natural resources while maintaining world class protections for our people and our environment.

I respectfully ask for your support of his nomination.

Thank you,

Mike Satre

March 14, 2019

I urge you all to support and approve Jason Brune as commissioner of DEC. Mr. Brune's work history and background will make him a great choice to lead and represent DEC.

Thank you,

Scott Spickler

March 8, 2019

All—I have worked full time in the minerals exploration industry since August of 1970. Of all the DEC Commissioners Alaska has had over that period of time, Jason Brune is superior. He has experience in a number of the industries he will be watching. I know Jason Brune personally, and he will be a great DEC Commissioner. I urge you to vote for him as the new Commissioner of DEC.

Don

Donald L Stevens Ph. D., CPG
Stevens Exploration Management Corp.

March 14, 2019

This email is in support of the confirmation of Jason Brune for the position of Commissioner of Environmental Conservation.

I have been personally acquainted with Jason for three decades and I can attest to his competence, background, knowledge and commitment to the letter and intent of the environmental laws of the State of Alaska and the United States.

Because of his expertise and background, the State will be able to accomplish the dual goals of protection of the environment as well as the safe and environmentally sound development of Alaska's bountiful resources.

The Governor could not have made a more auspicious choice to lead our State forward.

Please see: <https://www.miningnewsnorth.com/story/2018/12/01/opinion-and-guest-columns/a-aurus-role-in-the-age-of-aquarius/5522.html>

Regards,

J. P. Tangen



Senator Chris Birch

Chair

Senate Resources Committee

RE: Jason Brune for Commissioner of ADEC

Senator.chris.birch@akleg.gov

Dear Chairman Birch:

We write to support the confirmation of Jason Brune to be the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC). We urge you and your colleagues to confirm Jason.

We operate seafood processing facilities in Dutch Harbor, Ak. and are highly regulated by both ADEC and the US Environmental Protection Agency. We comply with a variety of environmental regulations and laws. We are proud of our environmental record and are able to provide thousands of high paying jobs in Alaska coastal communities and purchase fish and crab harvested by thousands of commercial harvesters operating in Alaskan waters. Our products are consumed world-wide.

ADEC needs effective leadership and a common sense approach to regulation. We have endured millions of dollars in expenses due to inefficient environmental regulation. We need ADEC to ensure consistency in protecting Alaska's air and water. We are dependent on clean water for our fishery resources and stand ready to assist the Alaska Legislature and ADEC to make sure those waters remain productive. Jason Brune understands our industry; has spent time on the Resources Development Council learning about our issues; and will work to make sure that our compliance with Alaska's environmental regulations continue in a manner that ensures our productivity in Alaska's coastal communities will continue.

Thank you for considering our views and please contact me if you need any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Plaisance".

Chris Plaisance

Vice President of Corporate Affairs/UniSea, Inc

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March 14, 2019

Senator Chris Birch, Chair
Senate Resources Committee

RE: Jason Brune for Commissioner of ADEC

Senator.chris.birch@akleg.gov

Dear Chairman Birch:

We write to support the confirmation of Jason Brune to be the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC). We urge you and your colleagues to confirm Jason.

We operate seafood processing facilities in Unalaska / Dutch Harbor and are highly regulated by both ADEC and the US Environmental Protection Agency. We comply with a variety of environmental regulations and laws. We are proud of our environmental record and are able to provide many hundreds of high paying jobs in this Alaska coastal community. We purchase fish and crab harvested by commercial harvesters operating in the waters of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands. Our products are consumed world-wide.

ADEC needs effective leadership and a common sense approach to regulation. We have endured millions of dollars in expenses due to inefficient environmental regulation. We need ADEC to ensure consistency in protecting Alaska's air and water. We are dependent on clean water for our fishery resources and stand ready to assist the Alaska Legislature and ADEC to make sure those waters remain productive. Jason Brune understands our industry; has spent time on the Resources Development Council learning about our issues; and will work to make sure that our compliance with Alaska's environmental regulations continue in a manner that ensures Alaska's proud seafood product reputation in the world market place continues.

Thank you for considering our views and please contact me if you need any further information. I personally know Jason and believe he is an excellent choice for Commissioner.

Sincerely,

Sinclair Wilt

Vice President, Fisheries Specialist

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From: Varina Zinno

Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 10:12 AM

To: Rep. John Lincoln <Rep.John.Lincoln@akleg.gov>; Rep. Geran Tarr <Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov>; Rep. Grier Hopkins <Rep.Grier.Hopkins@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sara Hannan <Rep.Sara.Hannan@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz <Rep.Ivy.Spohnholz@akleg.gov>; Rep. Chris Tuck <Rep.Chris.Tuck@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Talerico <Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov>; Rep. George Rauscher <Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sara Rasmussen <Rep.Sara.Rasmussen@akleg.gov>

Subject: Email in support of Jason Bruno for DEC Commissioner

Hello House Resources Committee,

This email is to show support for Jason Bruno as DEC Commissioner. Jason is highly qualified for this position and his testimony in Senate Resources affirmed this.

I have worked with him previously as a volunteer for AMA and was impressed with his knowledge, qualifications, enthusiasm, and determination. He will be an asset in this position.

Thank you!

Regards,

Varina

Varina Zinno, M.Sc.

Project Geologist

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March 5, 2019

House Resources Committee
Alaska State Capitol Building
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: Letter of Support for the Appointment of Jason Brune as Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC).

Dear Honorable Representatives,

On behalf of Tyonek Native Corporation (TNC), we would like to extend our support for the appointment of Jason Brune to the position of Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

Prior to his appointment, Jason worked as Director of Lands and Resources for Cook Inlet Regional Inc. (CIRI) and in that capacity has worked with TNC on addressing contaminated lands that were received by the corporation during the settlement of ANCSA. Jason has also served as vice-chair on the Board of Directors for the Tyonek Tribal Conservation District (TTCD) a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to conserve, enhance, and encourage the wise use of natural resources.

We at TNC believe that the appointment of Jason to Commissioner of ADEC would benefit Alaska and hope that this letter will serve as a positive and contributing factor when the House considers this matter. If you would like to verify this letter or request further information, please call (907) 272-0707.

Best Regards,

Leo Barlow, CEO
Tyonek Native Corporation