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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  
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