

March 14, 2019

Dear House Res Co-Chairs Tarr & Lincoln and other Committee members:

I see that the Committee has scheduled a hearing tomorrow on Jason Brune's appointment. Please do what you can to prevent Jason Brune from being confirmed as Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner. The Governor's appointment of Brune reflects complete disregard for environmental quality and public health. Brune has made a career as an apologist for outfits like the Alaska Miners Association and the Resources Development Council which too often promote lax to nonexistent oversight of extraction projects. He has been a booster and spokesman for the Pebble Mine yet purported to be "undecided" with regard to the risks and potential benefits of the project when he testified before Senate Resources. Alaskans don't need another "fox" guarding our "henhouse." The DEC Commissioner needs to be someone who will evenhandedly judge proposed resource extraction projects on factual information about their likely affect on the environment and communities. That's clearly not Jason Brune. I urge you to vote against his confirmation.

Many thanks,

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