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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.

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