

March 14, 2019

Regarding: Testimony for the record for confirmation hearings of Governors Appointees.

Co-Chairs Lincoln and Tarr, and House Resources Committee Members,

I oppose the confirmation of Commissioner Designee Jason Brune, to the Department of Environment Conservation.

Mr. Brune appears to be a fine man and to be extremely qualified to be Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, but really, isn't it asking the fox to guard the hen house to consider him for the Department of Environment Conservation?

The very reasons he would be a good fit in Natural Resources is the very reflection of his being a poor choice for Conservation.

One of the biggest issues on Alaska's horizon is the proposed development of the Pebble Mine. His history as a champion of the development of Pebble Mine, is reason enough to reject his confirmation.

Even a saint, with Mr. Brune's background, would have an extremely difficult time being fair and unbiased regarding the Pebble Mine permitting and oversight. Let's not put him in such a position.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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