



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