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Subject: Jason Brune confirmation as DEC Commissioner

Dear House Resources Committee:

I support Jason Brune as the Commissioner of the Dept. of Environmental Conservation.

I have known Jason for many years through resource and industry activities in Alaska. He is level headed, and speaks the truth.

As of my first discussions with him, he was clear to state that he was a biologist. He was also clear to state that his positions on resource development in Alaska are guided by his scientific background - permitting and environmental compliance should be based on science, and mitigation of environmental impacts associated with the development of Alaska must be based on science.

Emotions and hype can run strong in discussions of Alaska's future, whether the topic of the discussion is community development; commercial and sport harvesting of fish and game; opening or closing of various areas of the state to tourism; construction of new transportation infrastructure; keeping Alaska's waters clean; having safe and sanitary drinking water, wastewater, and solid waste systems; or utilization of Alaska's mineral and petroleum resources. Fortunately, Alaska's future is protected by rigorous and robust federal, state, and local environmental laws and policies - but it takes level headed leaders to make sure those laws are adhered to, and not thrown to the wayside based on hype. Jason is that type of person.

Jason Brune has the administrative and management skills, and a strong technical background, necessary to serve the State and people of Alaska as the Commissioner of DEC.

Respectfully,

William (Ted) Hawley