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From:
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 10:13 AM
To: Rep. Geran Tarr <Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov>
Subject: Please Vote No on Jason Brune

Dear Representative Geran Tarr,

I am writing to ask you to vote “no” on the appointment of Governor Dunleavy’s pick, Jason Brune, to the Department of Environmental Conservation.

The Department of Environmental Conservation has a critical mission to protect human health and the environment when large projects like the Pebble Mine are in permitting. I do not believe that Mr. Brune can steer the department with impartiality in regard to Pebble Mine permitting.

As the head of Public Relations for Pebble’s former partner, Anglo-American, and as a personal advocate for the project, Mr. Brune’s bias has been made clear. I believe Mr. Brune lacks the ability to be impartial when granting permits for the project, allowing Pebble Mine to move forward in a fast-tracked permitting process.

We are often told by politicians and megaproject-boosters that Alaska has the “best” resource permitting system in the nation. Whether this claim is true or not, the appointment of a longtime mining-company employee and industry advocate to an oversight position over critical mine permitting diminishes public trust in the integrity, and honesty of our permitting system.

Thank you for considering a no vote on this appointment.

Sincerely,
Melanie Smith