



January 25, 2019

Senator Chris Birch, Chair  
Senate Resources Committee  
Alaska State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Letter of Support for Jason Brune-Confirmation for Commissioner

Dear Senator Birch:

The Alaska Independent Power Producers Association (AIPPA)<sup>1</sup> is a statewide association of Independent Power Producers. AIPPA's goal is to encourage and promote independent power production in the State of Alaska. AIPPA respectfully submits this letter of support of Jason Brune to serve as our next Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

Mr. Brune has a history of supporting lower cost renewable energy development in Alaska and has demonstrated his fact and science-based approach to regulations. He has earned a well-deserved reputation in his business dealings and is open and approachable by those that have worked with him that includes Native, environmental, and non-profit interests. He has served on the Alaska Sealife Center Board, Cook Inlet Beluga Whale Endangered Species Act (ESA) Recovery Team, Tyonek Tribal Conservation District Board, the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee. Mr. Brune has a record of supporting responsible development while believing in and supporting Alaska's environmental regulations. His biology and environmental science background provide the education qualifications essential to lead DEC.

Mr. Brune is respected, approachable, well regarded and is solution oriented. We support Mr. Brune and ask for your confirmation of his appointment as Commissioner to administer Alaska's environmental regulations in a fair and responsible manner.

Respectfully

Duff W. Mitchell  
Executive Director

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.aippa.info>