

Sen. Chris Birch

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Hello Chris-

Hope you are doing well. Was great meeting your son out at my lodge this summer.

So, on Burne for DEC, it is very hard to rationally get to "yes" on him being the commissioner. One of the biggest potential projects that needs to go through state permitting is Pebble. As you know, this project is as controversial as it gets with many very pro development people either very concerned or outright against it. DEC will play a large role in permitting. It is not proper to have a DEC Commissioner that worked for the partner of the Pebble Partnership (Anglo) and has vocalized his strongly supported the project. Just as it would not be proper for me to be the commissioner of DEC because of my strong and long history against Pebble. We want someone that at least on the surface is impartial and takes the states best interest at hand. I believe we would be better off as a state is the Governor selected someone with less ties and commitment towards Pebble to be our new commissioner of DEC. Someone that can look at the project objectively.

As always, I appreciate your willingness to serve our district and the effort and time that you put into getting it right on issues.

I am available by phone or email if you want to discuss.

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