



Council of  
**Alaska Producers**

January 25, 2019

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

Dear Senator Birch and members of the Senate 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 for the benefit of Alaska and Alaskans. He has experience working in an Alaska Native Corporation, a multinational enterprise, 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