

Sen. Chris Birch

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To: Sen. Chris Birch; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Jesse Kiehl
Subject: Jason Brune's confirmation hearing

To the Senate Resources Committee:

I am writing today to express my concern regarding Jason Brune, Gov. Dunleavy's appointee to head the Department of Environmental Conservation. While I believe that Mr. Brune brings much to the table in the form of a background in natural sciences and experience in the private and NGO sectors, I am concerned that his outspoken support of the Pebble Mine Project, both as a former employee of Anglo-American and a private citizen pose a potential conflict of interest, were he to be confirmed as the head of the department charged with safeguarding the health of Alaskans' land and water. Pebble Mine, like any mine of its size, poses a massive potential threat to the health and well-being of Alaska's land and water and the people and wildlife who depend on them. Furthermore, a majority of Alaskans who call the Bristol Bay region home showed their opposition to this mine through their support for [Ballot Measure 1](#) in the 2018 general election.

At the very most, I ask you not to confirm Mr. Brune and at the very least, I ask you to request that he recuse himself from any Pebble Mine permitting issues and decisions that may arise during his tenure.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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