Senate Resource Committee

Testimony in Support of Jason Brune as DEC Commissioner

Mr. Chairman and Committee Members.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. My name is Peter Naoroz, a resident of Juneau. I live at 4660 Thane Road. I am on the board of Alaska Miners Association - Juneau Branch.

By way of Background

As Investment Manager for the Virginia Retirement System and the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation for several years, I have had business dealings with CIRI which led me to know and appreciate their company values and strength. Later I had more direct dealings with Mr. Brune when I was the President of an ANCSA corporation.

I appreciate his strong interest in community and economic development that is good for Alaskans and for the environment. I am also aware of Mr. Brune's work with the Resource Development Council and the balanced approach to responsible resource development that he promoted during his tenure with RDC.

Mr. Brune's work on the Pebble project for Anglo American required engagement with numerous stakeholders. This experience will serve him well as our DEC Commissioner. It has prepared him to provide the public forum and balanced thinking required by law of the Commissioner.

From his grounding and education in Science and Math, to his real life experience in working with stakeholders, to his dream of utilizing Alaska's vast resources and people for the betterment of all Alaskans, it is my honor to support the Governor's appointment of Jason Brune.

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