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From: [Jim Deininger](#)
To: [Rep. John Lincoln](#)
Subject: Appointment of Jason Brune, DEC Co missioner
Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 12:13:21 PM

I support the appointment of Jason Brune to head up Alaska DEC. From what I understand he has the background and temperament to take a balanced approach to resource extraction and environmental concerns. I am deeply disturbed over DEC's proposal to create a process for the designation off Tier 3 waters in Alaska (SB 51), a requirement of the Clean Water Act but not subscribed to by even a majority of States . A tier 3 designation of a watershed creates a de-facto Wilderness, a State Park or a State wildlife Refuge. It does not promote economic well being, which the State is in desperate need of at the present time. Please vote to confirm Jason Brune as Commissioner of DEC.

James W. Deininger

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Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

From: [Mark V. Johnson](#)
To: [House Resources](#)
Subject: Support for Jason Brune
Date: Monday, March 25, 2019 3:21:13 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Team,

Wanted to share my opinion for an issue which is important to me and my family, the Conserving, improving, and protecting Alaska's natural resources and environment to enhance the health, safety, economic, and social well-being of Alaskans. Jason Brune has been a level headed and active advocate for **responsible** resource development since I met him over 8 yrs. ago. At the time he was leading the Alaska Resource Development Council.

I am a lifelong Alaskan and am active in the energy sector here in Alaska. Jason has always represented his employer with professionalism and passion and in my opinion he will make an excellent DEC Commissioner.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark



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March 21, 2019

Michael Jungreis
Direct Phone

Hon. Geran Tarr
Co-Chair, Alaska House Resources Committee
State Capitol Room 128
Juneau AK 99801

Re: Supporting Confirmation of Jason Brune as DEC Commissioner

Dear Representative Tarr:

I write to support the confirmation of Commissioner-designate Jason Brune as head of Alaska's Department of Environmental Conservation. I have known Jason since 2007 when I became a board member of the Resource Development Council, where he was executive director. I want to emphasize three aspects of Jason's character that make him well-suited for the job he has been nominated for: his competence, his fairness, and his commitment to the goals of the DEC.

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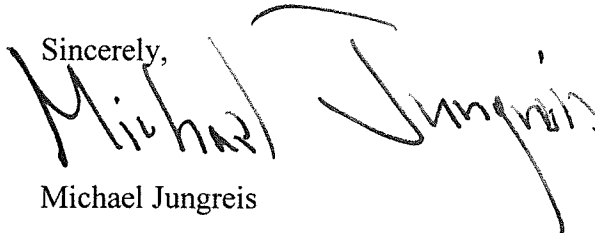
Jason's abilities as executive director of the RDC were of a high order. This challenging position heading a highly active organization with a full agenda, hundreds of members, and numerous activities, many of which required expertise, was handled with great organizational skill and effectiveness. Jason not only was an acknowledged leader in the resources community, but was also a great boss – his staff members have gone on to leadership of their own after having their talents developed by him. Jason's reputation since leaving RDC has also been sterling.

Moreover, Jason has been fairminded and balanced, and continues to be. His assessments to the RDC board were always marked by concern for legitimate environmental issues, balanced by the economic impacts of proposed policies. Just today his presentation to the RDC breakfast forum showed examples of environmental problems that in his judgment would require taking action against industries or other affected parties. I am reminded of Jason's predecessor, Larry Hartig – who despite being in his prior career an attorney chiefly representing natural resource clients, has been considered by all an fair and effective commissioner.

Finally, Jason has demonstrated over the years through his actions and words his commitment to the enacted policy of Alaska "to conserve, improve, and protect its natural resources and environment and control water, land, and air pollution, in order to enhance the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the state and their overall economic and social well-being." AS 46.03.010(a).

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Please act favorably on confirming Jason Brune as Alaska's Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation.

Sincerely,

Michael Jungreis

From: [Thatcher Brouwer](#)
To: [House Resources](#)
Subject: FW: I support Jason Brune for ADEC Commissioner
Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 8:36:23 AM

Thatcher Brouwer
House Resources Committee Aide
Representative Geran Tarr
907-465-6007

From: Rep. Geran Tarr <Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 5:40 PM
To: Judy & Victor <foxtrotr@mtaonline.net>; Thatcher Brouwer <Thatcher.Brouwer@akleg.gov>
Subject: RE: I support Jason Brune for ADEC Commissioner

Hi Victor – Thanks so much for writing in. I appreciate you sharing your views. We will make sure your email is included in the public comment.

Best – Geran

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From: Judy & Victor <foxtrotr@mtaonline.net>
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 7:42 PM
To: Rep. Geran Tarr <Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov>
Subject: I support Jason Brune for ADEC Commissioner

Jason Brune is a man of integrity. I support Jason Brune for ADEC Commissioner

It is wise to have a commissioner of State government who has worked multiple jobs in varying roles. A commissioner also needs to be a leader. A leader needs to understand rules, have a vision and experience leading. Jason has these valuable traits. Jason is not a career bureaucrat. State government will benefit from Jason's leadership. I support Jason for ADEC Commissioner. I trust this man to make decisions based on the best interest of Alaska, its people, and within the frame work of the laws and regulations of the Great State of Alaska.

Victor Ross

Wasilla, Alaska

From: Rose Rybachek

Sent: Friday, March 29, 2019 6:45 AM

To: Rose Rybachek

Subject: Support DEC Commissioner

I am writing to you in support of Jason Brune as the new DEC Commissioner. DEC is an important agency of the State of Alaska and needs solid leadership. I believe that Mr. Brune can offer that leadership.

Thank you

Rosalie Rybachek
Fairbanks, AK 99701

From: [Gail Phillips](#)
To: [Rep. John Lincoln](#); [Rep. Grier Hopkins](#); [Rep. Sara Hannan](#); [Rep. Ivy Spohnholz](#); [Rep. Chris Tuck](#); [Rep. David Talerico](#); [Rep. George Rauscher](#); [Rep. Sara Rasmussen](#)
Subject: Confirmation Hearing for DEC Commissioner-Designee Jason Brune
Date: Sunday, March 24, 2019 3:29:35 PM
Importance: High

March 24, 2019

Honorable Representatives and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House Natural Resources Committee:

I understand the House Resources Committee, on Monday evening, is scheduled to consider the appointment of Jason Brune to become Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation.

I have known and worked with Mr. Brune for many years and have found him to be an honest, intelligent and caring Alaskan. In his various roles as an advocate for the responsible development of Alaska's resources and the protection of Alaska's lands, Mr. Brune ably demonstrated his ability to do what was best for Alaska. He has always considered the protection of our environment in the decisions he was accountable for.

I am pleased to add my voice of support for the confirmation of Jason Brune as our next Commissioner of DEC.

Sincerely,

Gail Phillips
Former Speaker of the House of Representatives

From: [Bill Jeffress](#)
To: [Sen. Tom Begich](#); [Sen. Chris Birch](#); [Sen. Click Bishop](#); [Sen. John Coghill](#); [Sen. Mia Costello](#); [Sen. Cathy Giessel](#); [Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson](#); [Sen. Lyman Hoffman](#); [Sen. Shelley Hughes](#); [Sen. Scott Kawasaki](#); [Sen. Jesse Kiehl](#); [Sen. Peter Micciche](#); [Sen. Donny Olson](#); [Sen. Lora Reinbold](#); [Sen. Mike Shower](#); [Sen. Bert Stedman](#); [Sen. Gary Stevens](#); [Sen. Natasha Von Imhof](#); [Sen. Bill Wielechowski](#); [Sen. David Wilson](#); [Rep. Ben Carpenter](#); [Rep. Matt Claman](#); Representative.Harriett.Drummond@akleg.gov; [Rep. David Eastman](#); [Rep. Bryce Edgmon](#); [Rep. Zack Fields](#); [Rep. Neal Foster](#); [Rep. Sara Hannan](#); [Rep. Grier Hopkins](#); [Rep. Sharon Jackson](#); [Rep. DeLena Johnson](#); [Rep. Jennifer Johnston](#); [Rep. Andy Josephson](#); [Rep. Gary Knopp](#); [Rep. Chuck Kopp](#); [Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins](#); [Rep. Bart LeBon](#); [Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux](#); [Rep. John Lincoln](#); [Rep. Kelly Merrick](#); [Rep. Mark Neuman](#); [Rep. Daniel Ortiz](#); [Rep. Lance Pruitt](#); [Rep. Sara Rasmussen](#); [Rep. George Rauscher](#); [Rep. Joshua Revak](#); [Rep. Laddie Shaw](#); [Rep. Ivy Spohnholz](#); [Rep. Andi Story](#); [Rep. Louise Stutes](#); [Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard](#); [Rep. David Talerico](#); [Rep. Geran Tarr](#); [Rep. Steve Thompson](#); [Rep. Cathy Tilton](#); [Rep. Chris Tuck](#); [Rep. Sarah Vance](#); [Rep. Tammie Wilson](#); [Rep. Adam Wool](#); [Rep. Tiffany Zulkosky](#)
Subject: Confirmation of ADEC Acting Commissioner Jason Brune
Date: Saturday, March 30, 2019 10:59:48 AM

Senators and Representatives,

I support of the confirmation of Jason Brune as Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and I am disgusted at what seems to be a national trend of character assignation of political appointees by whatever means; whether truthful or not. I have personally been acquainted with Jason for over twenty years and have never had any reason to questions his integrity or commitment to his family, profession, or Alaska. Some of the previous testimony has been from individuals who do not know Mr. Brune but have climbed on the band wagon to attack and undermine a good and competent candidate for the position of ADEC Commissioner. Mr. Brune's scientific background and objective approach over the years have served him and Alaska well. Once confirmed Jason will be an asset to this Administration and the State of Alaska. I urge you to move the confirmation process forward and let the resource agencies get on with the business of the state. Thank You.

Best Regards,

Bill Jeffress

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Anchorage, Alaska 99516

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From: [Fjelstad, Eric \(Perkins Coie\)](#)
To: [Rep. Geran Tarr](#); [Rep. John Lincoln](#); [Rep. Grier Hopkins](#); [Rep. Sara Hannan](#); [Rep. Ivy Spohnholz](#); [Rep. Chris Tuck](#); [Rep. David Talerico](#); [Rep. George Rauscher](#); [Rep. Sara Rasmussen](#)
Subject: Confirmation of Jason Brune for Commissioner of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
Date: Monday, March 25, 2019 5:48:42 PM

Co-chairs Geran Tarr and John Lincoln, and members of the House Resources Committee:

I am writing to express my strong support for Jason Brune as commissioner of ADEC. I have known Jason since the early 2000s when he recruited me to serve on the board of the Resource Development Council. Over the years I have worked with Jason in many capacities: on the RDC board, as a client when he was at Cook Inlet Region Inc., and as a colleague in various business and trade groups. Jason is an exceptional individual. I will start with his character – Jason is a good person and people like him. People like to work for Jason. He is known as being a great boss, and that will be a key attribute in moving ADEC forward through these tough times of austerity. Jason is also one of the best I have worked with when it comes to executing on tasks. He gets things done. He is creative and he brings huge energy to the table. I think this is a really important character trait when the State is faced with staggering costs to address the environmental and health issues in rural Alaska. Jason is the type of leader who will see that as a mountain worth climbing. He will take it as a personal challenge to find solutions rather than complain about a lack of resources. Last, Jason has an unusual ability to quickly grasp important policy considerations and to understand the important details lying in the weeds.

I am proud to offer my strong support for Jason Brune. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Eric Fjelstad
Anchorage/Government Hill

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From: [Michael Jespersen](#)
To: [Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson](#); [Rep. Andy Josephson](#)
Cc: [Sen. Tom Begich](#); [Sen. Chris Birch](#); [Sen. Click Bishop](#); [Sen. John Coghill](#); [Sen. Mia Costello](#); [Sen. Cathy Giessel](#); [Sen. Lyman Hoffman](#); [Sen. Shelley Hughes](#); [Sen. Scott Kawasaki](#); [Sen. Jesse Kiehl](#); [Sen. Peter Micciche](#); [Sen. Donny Olson](#); [Sen. Lora Reinbold](#); [Sen. Mike Shower](#); [Sen. Bert Stedman](#); [Sen. Gary Stevens](#); [Sen. Natasha Von Imhof](#); [Sen. Bill Wielechowski](#); [Sen. David Wilson](#); [Rep. Ben Carpenter](#); [Rep. Matt Claman](#); [Representative.Harriett.Drummond@akleg.gov](#); [Rep. David Eastman](#); [Rep. Bryce Edgmon](#); [Rep. Zack Fields](#); [Rep. Neal Foster](#); [Rep. Sara Hannan](#); [Rep. Grier Hopkins](#); [Rep. Sharon Jackson](#); [Rep. Delena Johnson](#); [Rep. Jennifer Johnston](#); [Rep. Gary Knopp](#); [Rep. Chuck Kopp](#); [Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins](#); [Rep. Bart LeBon](#); [Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux](#); [Rep. John Lincoln](#); [Rep. Kelly Merrick](#); [Rep. Mark Neuman](#); [Rep. Daniel Ortiz](#); [Rep. Lance Pruitt](#); [Rep. Sara Rasmussen](#); [Rep. George Rauscher](#); [Rep. Joshua Revak](#); [Rep. Laddie Shaw](#); [Rep. Ivy Spohnholz](#); [Rep. Andi Story](#); [Rep. Louise Stutes](#); [Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard](#); [Rep. David Talerico](#); [Rep. Geran Tarr](#); [Rep. Steve Thompson](#); [Rep. Cathy Tilton](#); [Rep. Chris Tuck](#); [Rep. Sarah Vance](#); [Rep. Tammie Wilson](#); [Rep. Adam Wool](#); [Rep. Tiffany Zulkosky](#)
Subject: DEC Nominee Jason Brune
Date: Monday, April 1, 2019 10:27:36 AM

Alaska State Senators and House Members,

I am writing to let you know of my support for Jason Brune to become the DEC Commissioner for the State of Alaska.

I first met Jason 7 or 8 years ago. At the time he was working with the Resource Development Council. Having recently learned of the RDC's existence I was skeptical of its mission and was looking into it. Jason invited me to attend some RDC meetings, introduced me to several members and board members as well as pointed out several hundred pages of testimony and positions put forward by the RDC. I soon learned that the RDC is one of the few if not the only organization in Alaska that successfully brings together the Fishing, Tourism, Mining, Forestry, and Oil and Gas industries along with many Native Corporations to promote Responsible Resource development. Not all development but responsible development.

Jason Brune in particular looks at science based research and facts when evaluating projects. I have not seen him be swayed by emotional arguments from either side on environmental issues. Time and again I have heard Jason say a project should not be built if it cannot scientifically meet the legal burden put in place by regulations. **I believe this stance to have cost him friendships** and possibly financial rewards. Nevertheless he stands by his stated beliefs because they follow the law, they are morally correct and they help insure the environment will be passed to my children (and his) in the best condition possible.

If confirmed as Commissioner of DEC Jason Brune will follow the law, he will follow science and if there is a gray area between the two I believe he will ask the Legislature to craft law to eliminate the gray.

I do not say this of many people, it is a statement I do not take lightly because it reflects on my personal integrity but I Trust Jason Brue to Follow The Law as DEC COMMISSIONER, I Trust him to do what is right for Alaska and the Environment my children will inherit.

I can think of no better person to fill the role of DEC Commissioner at this point in Alaska's history.

Respectfully

Michael Jespersen

From: [Thatcher Brouwer](#)
To: [House Resources](#)
Subject: FW: House Resources Committee Hearing - Commissioner Brune
Date: Monday, April 1, 2019 10:33:42 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thatcher Brouwer
House Resources Committee Aide
Representative Geran Tarr
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From: Rep. Geran Tarr <Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 01, 2019 10:32 AM
To: Gillespie, Clyde <cgillespie@DonlinGold.com>; Thatcher Brouwer <Thatcher.Brouwer@akleg.gov>
Subject: RE: House Resources Committee Hearing - Commissioner Brune

Hello – Thanks for writing in. We will make sure your email is included in the public comment.

Best – Geran

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From: Gillespie, Clyde <cgillespie@DonlinGold.com>
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2019 10:43 AM
To: Rep. John Lincoln <Rep.John.Lincoln@akleg.gov>; Rep. Geran Tarr <Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov>; Rep. Grier Hopkins <Rep.Grier.Hopkins@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sara Hannan <Rep.Sara.Hannan@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz <Rep.Ivy.Spohnholz@akleg.gov>; Rep. Chris Tuck <Rep.Chris.Tuck@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Talerico <Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov>; Rep. George Rauscher <Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sara Rasmussen <Rep.Sara.Rasmussen@akleg.gov>
Subject: House Resources Committee Hearing - Commissioner Brune

Dear Committee Members,

With this email I am voicing my support for Jason Brune as Commissioner of ADEC. It has been my pleasure to have known Jason, a degreed biologist, for the past 20 years. Jason is a strong leader with the ability to work with people on all sides of an issue to develop effective solutions. He served as a board member of the Alaska Sealife Center where he established an award for ocean stewardship. Jason was also the first at-large board member for the Tyonek Tribal Conservation District. He was a member of the Cook Inlet Beluga Recovery Plan team where his efforts assisted with the population recovery.

Jason is a man with integrity who maintains a strong respect for and appreciation of the environment. He will be an excellent ADEC Commissioner.

Sincerely,
Clyde Gillespie

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From: [Betty Adler](#)
To: [Rep. John Lincoln](#)
Subject: Jason Brune Commissioner nominee
Date: Saturday, March 30, 2019 11:47:29 AM

I support Jason Brune for DEC Commissioner. Jason has the ultimate education in environmental issues. He understands all aspects of environmental issues and had the best first hand experience to undertake the best way to be a great steward of Alaska.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Lorna Richmond](#)
To: [Rep. Geran Tarr](#); [Rep. Grier Hopkins](#); [Rep. Sara Hannan](#); [Rep. Ivy Spohnholz](#); [Rep. Chris Tuck](#); [Rep. David Talerico](#); [Rep. George Rauscher](#); [Rep. Sara Rasmussen](#); [Rep. John Lincoln](#)
Subject: Jason Brune nomination for ADEC Commissioner
Date: Sunday, March 31, 2019 12:20:00 PM

My name is Dr Lorna Richmond and I live at [REDACTED] Anchorage, Alaska. I support Jason Brune for ADEC Commissioner. I encourage you to vote yes to confirm Mr. Brune's nomination for ADEC Commissioner.

Sincerely,
Lorna Richmond

From: [J Lamborn](#)
To: [Rep. John Lincoln](#)
Subject: Jason Brune
Date: Friday, March 29, 2019 5:13:02 PM

Representative Lincoln,

Please accept my letter of support for Jason Brune as the DEC commissioner. Alaska needs qualified people like Mr. Brune.

Sincerely,

John C. Lamborn


Wasilla AK, 99623

From: [Greg Beischer](#)
To: [Sen. Tom Begich](#); [Sen. Chris Birch](#); [Sen. Click Bishop](#); [Sen. John Coghill](#); [Sen. Mia Costello](#); [Sen. Cathy Giessel](#); [Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson](#); [Sen. Lyman Hoffman](#); [Sen. Shelley Hughes](#); [Sen. Scott Kawasaki](#); [Sen. Jesse Kiehl](#); [Sen. Peter Micciche](#); [Sen. Donny Olson](#); [Sen. Lora Reinbold](#); [Sen. Mike Shower](#); [Sen. Bert Stedman](#); [Sen. Gary Stevens](#); [Sen. Natasha Von Imhof](#); [Sen. Bill Wielechowski](#); [Sen. David Wilson](#); [Rep. Ben Carpenter](#); [Rep. Matt Claman](#); Representative.Harriett.Drummond@akleg.gov; [Rep. David Eastman](#); [Rep. Bryce Edgmon](#); [Rep. Zack Fields](#); [Rep. Neal Foster](#); [Rep. Sara Hannan](#); [Rep. Grier Hopkins](#); [Rep. Sharon Jackson](#); [Rep. DeLena Johnson](#); [Rep. Jennifer Johnston](#); [Rep. Andy Josephson](#); [Rep. Gary Knopp](#); [Rep. Chuck Kopp](#); [Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins](#); [Rep. Bart LeBon](#); [Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux](#); [Rep. John Lincoln](#); [Rep. Kelly Merrick](#); [Rep. Mark Neuman](#); [Rep. Daniel Ortiz](#); [Rep. Lance Pruitt](#); [Rep. Sara Rasmussen](#); [Rep. George Rauscher](#); [Rep. Joshua Revak](#); [Rep. Laddie Shaw](#); [Rep. Ivy Spohnholz](#); [Rep. Andi Story](#); [Rep. Louise Stutes](#); [Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard](#); [Rep. David Talerico](#); [Rep. Geran Tarr](#); [Rep. Steve Thompson](#); [Rep. Cathy Tilton](#); [Rep. Chris Tuck](#); [Rep. Sarah Vance](#); [Rep. Tammie Wilson](#); [Rep. Adam Wool](#); [Rep. Tiffany Zulkosky](#)
Subject: Nominee Jason Brune - DEC
Date: Sunday, March 31, 2019 6:22:49 AM

Dear Legislators,

I have known Jason Brune for more than 20 years and believe that we will be an excellent choice for DEC Commissioner.

Jason is an energetic professional with infectious enthusiasm for all he does. He understands the importance of resource development for our economy, but he also understands the value all Alaskans place on our environment. As a biologist, Jason has the scientific background to understand and evaluate projects from the perspective of environmental stewardship. But above all, Jason has the highest level of personal and professional integrity. I have no doubt he will execute the office of DEC Commissioner in a balanced, measured manner consistent with the best interest of the State of Alaska and its people. He will bring to the department all the passion that he gives every new challenge he takes on.

I urge you to confirm Jason Brune for Commissioner of the Alaska DEC.

Gregory A. Beischer
President & CEO
Millrock Resources Inc.



From: [Jeanine St. John](#)
To: [Rep. John Lincoln](#)
Subject: Support Jason Brune
Date: Saturday, March 30, 2019 10:17:50 AM

This is a personal message of support for confirmation of Jason Brune.

I have known Jason since his time as a staff member of RDC. He truly is dedicated to developing ALASKA resources in a responsible manner. I urge you and H(RES) to support him.

Jeanine St. John

Anchorage

From: [David Manzer](#)
To: [House Resources](#); [Rep. John Lincoln](#); [Rep. Geran Tarr](#); [Rep. Grier Hopkins](#); [Rep. Sara Hannan](#); [Rep. Ivy Spohnholz](#); [Rep. Chris Tuck](#); [Rep. David Talerico](#); [Rep. George Rauscher](#); [Rep. Sara Rasmussen](#)
Subject: Please Vote to Confirm DEC Commissioner Designee Jason Brune
Date: Monday, April 1, 2019 12:58:20 PM

House Resources Committee Members:

I am writing to express my support for DEC Commissioner Designee Jason Brune. I have known Jason for almost 20 years and can attest to his honesty, integrity, intelligence and stellar work ethic.

I have read a number of ugly, ignorant, and paranoid personal attacks against Jason. In particular, suggestions that Jason would abdicate his responsibility as Commissioner to adhere to DEC's Mission to "(conserve, improve and protect) Alaska's natural resources and environment to enhance the health, safety, economic and social well-being of Alaskans" because of his past employment are both aggravating and insulting. These statements are ignorant because their authors assume not only that Jason's prior employers do not agree with responsible resource development, but that Jason would do their bidding in his new role. Both assumptions are absolutely incorrect.

Jason recently complimented DEC's professional staff and the hard work they do to carry out DEC's Mission. Jason's experience with working in team environments will serve him well at DEC as he understands the importance of utilizing DEC's subject matter expert co-workers to research issues and come to correct and supportable conclusions. Jason also understands managing departments and budgeting. These are very important skill sets for a Commissioner to have and I hope that the House Resources Committee considers these attributes as well as Jason's integrity and energy over meritless, emotional and personal attacks.

I respectfully urge all members of the House Resources Committee to vote in the affirmative to confirm Jason Brune as Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

Sincerely,

David Manzer

David Manzer, President

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