

January 23, 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 Corri Feige as Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

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.

As a science-based regulatory agency, DNR benefits when it has a commissioner with technical knowledge and experience. Ms. Feige is an engineer and geophysicist who has worked in government (including at DNR) and in the private sector. Our initial contacts with Ms. Feige have shown her to be passionate about the responsible development of Alaska's resources and the steps that are needed to attract investment to the state.

Ms. Feige has a valuable skill set for this position and we support her confirmation as Commissioner.

Thank you for your consideration,

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