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Subject: Movi Testing of Domestic Stock

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Hi Shannon,

I am writing to inform you of my support for changes to regulations requiring testing for domestic stock. As we've seen over the past year, disease is truly hard to control in the human population and introduction of a disease into our wildlife could prove even more difficult to control. As a hunter, wildlife conservationist and resident of Alaska, I think we need to test ALL domestic sheep and goats for Movi in order to prevent disease transmission. Testing should be done through AAVLD accredited labs. Furthermore Movi should be added to the reportable disease list with a the requirement for same day reporting.

Wild sheep, goats and musk oxen play a huge part in our Alaskan economy. The guided hunts, transportation to and from those hunts and the free range meat they provide are impossible to replace. Taking the aforementioned steps will safeguard this renewable resource.

Thanks! Brian Stoltz 907-388-4135 Fairbanks, AK