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To whom it may concern, I am writing in support of the proposed regulation to require testing for domestic sheep and goats. I believe this regulation would go along way to protect our wild herds in our state against MOVI. In my opinion it is a small ask of the citizenry to submit their livestock for testing upon entry into the state in order to protect against a potentially cataclysmic affect on the wild sheep, goat and muskox heard of the state.

As a life long Alaskan and sportsman the importance of protecting our wild game can not be understated. If the aforementioned herds were to be compromised it would have far reaching affects to both rural and urban communities, it would affect the state economy, and it would likely have a far reaching affect on the ecosystem as a whole. Less prey less predators less tourists, etc

In conclusion, I support Movi testing of all domestic seep and goats regardless of age prior to import into Alaska. Also I support Movi testing through accredited diagnostic laboratories and lastly I support adding Movi to the Reportable Disease List, requiring same-day reporting.