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As an outdoor enthusiast and hunter I care deeply about the health of our Alaskan wildlife.

I would urge you to support the following updates to the Animal Health (18 AAC 36) code. In my opinion ALL domestic sheep and goats regardless of age should be screened for Movi prior to coming to Alaska. All Alaskans benefit from our wildlife and I cannot imagine that the tradeoff of letting someone have a pet goat would be worth the cost of a decimated Dall Sheep, Mountain Goat or Musk Ox population.

I believe this testing should be done through AAVD accredited diagnostic laboratories.

I also would like to see Movi added to the list of Reportable Diseases and require same day reporting if possible. I have seen how imported species and diseases have wreaked havoc in the lower 48. Alaska needs to take strong action to protect our unique wildlife.

Thank you,

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