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**To:** [Miller, Shannon D \(DEC\)](#)  
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**Subject:** Support of Proposed Regulation Change  
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Dear MS. Miller,

This email is in support of the request for a proposed regulation change that would require that domestic sheep and goats be tested for and cleared of *Mycoplasma Ovipneumoniae* (Movi) prior to import. I support the Alaska Wild Sheep Foundation's position on this issue.

My name is Ronald Egelston and am a retired Army Veteran that has lived in Alaska with my family since 1996. I don't hunt that much anymore but wild sheep, goat, and muskoxen are important for me because they are a vital part of our ecosystem here in Alaska and I enjoy watching them in their natural environment. I have witnessed the devastation that domesticated sheep can cause to the wild population of sheep in the lower 48 if left unregulated. I don't want to see this happen to our Alaskan Sheep and we have an opportunity to prevent this. Our sheep have enough trouble surviving here with climate change, bad winters, hunting pressure, and predator challenges.

I support Movi testing of **ALL** domestic sheep and goats regardless of age prior to import into Alaska

I support Movi testing through **AAVLD accredited diagnostic laboratories**

I support **adding Movi to the Reportable Disease List and requiring same-day reporting**

Please add my comments to the proposed change.

Sincerely,

Ronald Egelston