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## To Whom It May Concern

My name is Erin Kehoe and I live in Anchorage. Both my young son and I enjoy hunting, hiking and all things outdoors. We probably spend more time watching and enjoying wildlife than we do actually hunting.

I support the revised regulation to require testing of domestic sheep and goats for Movi prior to import. I used to ride horses here in Alaska. In order to bring any horse into Alaska, they are required to have a negative equine infectious anemia (EIA) test. All horses are required to have a negative EIA test, not just ones over a certain age. It does not make sense to me that we do not test all domestic sheep and goats for Movi prior to import. I feel that part should be changed so there are no "loopholes".

I have read where it was best to test for Movi using an accredited lab, i believe that should be part of the regulation as well.

I understand that this will increase the cost of importing these animals but each of us must be responsible animal owners. We routinely travel with our retrievers for hunting and each time we do a health certificate is required and they are never cheap. I trust that requirement is to help keep pets and wildlife in Alaska safe so it makes sense that sheep and goat owners should do the same.

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