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To: [Miller, Shannon D \(DEC\)](#); [Kevin J Kehoe](#)
Subject: Proposed domestic animal MOVI testing
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Dear Shannon,

I just saw a letter from August 2020 on proposed changes to the title 21, chapter 36 of the Alaska Administrative Code, Animal Health. I hope I am not too late with this email. I would like to show support for the change. Through various discussions I understand the issue is somewhat complex and has opposition from animal owners. My takeaway is the change would be a minor inconvenience to owners, but has huge potential to help safeguard game animals that people travel from across the globe to see (and pay tens of thousands of dollars each to the state to hunt).

I spend a large portion of my free time watching sheep and goats, whether it be during a hunt, or often outside of a hunting pursuit, simply out of respect and appreciation for these animals and the country they inhabit.

I support testing of all domestic sheep and goats entering Alaska, regardless of age, prior to entering. Testing should be done through accredited diagnostic labs. I also support adding MOVI to the reportable disease list, requiring same day reporting.

The precedence we have seen in the lower 48 is concerning. We have the benefit of geographical isolation that gives us a tool they did not have. It would be a shame to risk our wild sheep and goats over a minor inconvenience of testing new livestock entering the state.

Thanks for your time,

Nick Kryszinski

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