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Greetings,

My name is Skip Bourgeois and I live in Palmer, Alaska. One of the numerous reasons I live in Alaska is the proximity and availability of hunting a fishing opportunity. Not only do I enjoy the act of hunting and fishing, but I use the meat to feed my family throughout the year. Dall sheep, mountain goats, and other mountain areas are particularly dear to my heart, as I treasure my time in the mountains hunting and observing these animals with my family. Again, these animals are a primary reason my family and I live in choose to make Alaska home.

Because of my love and dedication to Alaska's Dall sheep, mountain goats, and muskox, I strongly support Movi testing of **ALL** domestic sheep and goats regardless of age prior to import into Alaska. I strongly support Movi testing through AAVLD accredited diagnostic laboratories. And I strongly support adding Movi to the Reportable Disease List and requiring same-day reporting.

I urge you to move forward with the above-mentioned recommendations. Even a single domestic animal carrying Movi is too great of a threat to Alaska's Dall sheep, mountain goats, and muskox. Our country and the rest of the world have spent most of this year experiencing exactly what can happen when a single individual contracts a contagious disease. Now is the time for Alaska to take steps to protect our Dall sheep, mountain goats, and muskox.

Thanks,

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