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**Subject:** Requesting your assistance in the m.ovi disease issue.  
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Dear Ms. Miller,

I am a wild sheep advocate and am passionate about their place in the wild. Nothing is more rewarding to me than enjoying time in the mountains and seeing mountain wildlife in their natural habitat.

M.ovi is a serious issue and there is no doubt it affects our wild sheep, goats and muskoxen. Science gives us undeniable proof of this. Testing all domestic sheep and goats is one sure way to protect wild species and I 100% support this approach. Achieving testing in accredited laboratories is a cornerstone to protecting wildlife in Alaska.

I also ask that you add M.ovi as a reportable disease requiring same day reporting. This is a small price to pay to ensure the longevity of wild native Alaskan species.

I ask this for not just us, but the legacy we leave behind and the generations to come that will enjoy these majestic animals. The actions we take today will have impacts long beyond after we cease to live.

Thank you for your consideration.

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