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To lawmakers and DEC

I am writing to OPPOSE the regulation proposed as important by the Wild Sheep foundation. I am an Alaska State licensed veterinarian since 1996. I work with livestock producers.

There has simply not been enough research in the endemic strains of mycoplasma (M.ovi) that may already exist in wild species.

Any regulations of imported domestic goats/sheep or these species already residing in the state are premature and before their time. There haven't been enough studies to even determine if this is a risk to wildlife.

Regulations on domestic agricultural producers for this disease haven't had any proof that they are needed. They will cause economic hardship and impact the future of agriculture in Alaska. They are trying to do this to imported Animals which bring new DNA to our current livestock herds. Next, they will push to require all producers to test their livestock. This is undue and unnecessary economic impact to livestock producers.

These regulations are just the Wild Sheep Foundation people patting themselves on the back saying they are protecting their species that they hunt. Leave agriculture and livestock producers alone.

I appreciate your consideration.
Sincerely,
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