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I serve as president of the Alaska Trappers Association. I am writing to you today on behalf of our more than 1000 members to express our support for the draft regulations which seek to protect wild sheep and goats in Alaska from infection by *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae* (*M. ovi.*). The vast majority of our members are hunters and place a high priority on the health of our wildlife populations.

We specifically support:

- Testing of all domestic sheep and goats (regardless of age) prior to importation into Alaska,
- All testing to be done by accredited diagnostic labs,
- Adding *M. ovi.* to the "Reportable Disease List," which requires same-day reporting.