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To: Miller, Shannon D (DEC)

Subject: MOVI in Alaska

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Shannon,

I received an e-mail from the Alaska Wild Sheep Foundation discussing the proposed regulation to require all domestic sheep and goats to be screened for MOVI at an AAVLD accredited lab prior to entry into the state and making it a reportable disease. I am writing this letter to express my strong support for this necessary measure to protect our wild sheep populations. I am a hunter, outdoorsman, and above all an environmental conservationist. I feel that its the responsibility of all people to take the necessary steps to preserve all things wild for all future generations. This measure is not only morally necessary, but necessary for the economic stability of our state. Nature activities from wildlife viewing to hunting are one of the key pieces to the state economy. If the animals suffer our economy suffers.

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