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RE: ANIMAL HEALTH (18 AAC 36): PROPOSED REVISIONS TO ANIMAL CARE, ANIMAL IMPORTATION, AND DISEASE CONTROL.

I am apposed to adding M.Ovi testing to the requirements for importing domestic sheep and goats to Alaska. M.Ovi is already in the State of Alaska in both domestics and wilds. Requiring M.Ovi testing for importation would hurt domestic agriculture without helping wild animals. M.Ovi testing is expensive and the results are elusive and questionable.

Sheep and goats farmers provide food and fiber within our State. Protecting agriculture and the food security it provides within Alaska should be a top priority for all Alaskans.

Please don't over regulate the sheep and goat industry by requiring M.Ovi testing on imports. Help keep our farmers farming!

Sincerely,

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