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Dear Shannon,

My name is Dave Leonard, I'm an Alaskan resident hunter, a Master Guide & Outfitter of 45 years. I derive a substantial part of my income from Sheep hunting.

I have been appalled that the State or USDA doesn't have mandatory testing of livestock and specifically domestic, sheep, goats, Llamas, Alpacas and similar animals. I fully support Movi testing of all animals being imported to Alaska.

This should be done prior to travel to Alaska as well as at entry time into this State. This needs to be performed by accredited diagnostic labs.

Additionally, I am very much in favor of adding Movi to the Reportable Disease List.

I also recommend putting into place mandates that would forbid the movement of these animals from one section of the land to the next in order to avoid the spread of disease. Most States have this in place already.

These imported animals have in the past caused massive die offs of Dall Sheep which as you know is an indigenous species to Alaska.

The State is way overdue to implement a program in which to stop or at least reduce the spread of Movi and other infectious diseases.

I thank you in advance for your time in this very serious problem.

Best Regards,

Dave

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