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Dear Ms. Miller,

I have been an Alaskan resident since 1975. During my time I have had the pleasure to visit and hunt many locations in the state. The scenic beauty is always enhanced by the varied and amazing wildlife that we get to enjoy. I am writing to support the regulations to add M.Ovi testing for domestic sheep and goats entering Alaska. I believe there are some important details to include in the language; first, Movi testing should occur for all domestics of any age; secondly, Movi should be added to the reportable disease list; and finally, the testing be conducted via an AAVLD accredited lab.

We are fortunate that our wild herds are distant from others and that we haven't had to deal with widespread and deadly Movi outbreaks that have occurred in the lower 48 populations. We need to learn from those lessons and protect our wild sheep, goat, and muskoxen before we lose the opportunity.

Thank you,

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