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I am writing in support of the proposed regulations that would require domestic sheep and goats to be tested for *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae* (Movi). As many of the lower 48 sheep and Canadian sheep herds have shown us is that the largest threat to wild sheep is disease transmission from domestic sheep and goats. It is crucial that domestic sheep and goats be tested before they come into the state so that any possibility of disease can be prevented before there's a chance of exposure to the wild sheep and goats. I spend my falls guiding hunters for sheep and goats and I know first hand the economic impact the these wild animals have on individuals and rural communities and they need to be protected from disease that can spread fast and wipe out whole herds. These wild animals have a hard enough time as it is. We don't want to make it any harder for them.