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I strongly SUPPORT the proposed regulation regarding Animal Health: Notice of Proposed Revisions to Animal Importation, Animal Testing, and Disease Reporting (18 AAC 36).

Our wild sheep population in Alaska is a very important natural resource to all user groups and all hunters, resident and non-resident alike. We cannot afford, from a wildlife management standpoint or from the severe, determinantal economic impact it could have on our State to allow deadly strains of Movi from domestic sheep and goats to infect our wild sheep population.

Personally my family and I derive approximately 50% of our annual income from pursuing wild sheep and we, as a family and as a State, cannot afford to endanger our wild sheep population by allowing deadly strains of Movi to enter our wild sheep population when it can so easily be tested for in domestic sheep and goats, regardless of the domestic animals age. As such, I DO NOT support any amendments that would allow domestic animals of 2 or less months of age from being exempt from testing.

Again, as my family (individually) and we (as a State) are so reliant in so many different ways on our wild sheep population that I do fully support the mandatory testing, regardless of age, of any and/or all domestic sheep and/or goats.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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