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Hello, my name is Matt Stielstra and I live in Wasilla, AK. One of the reasons I live in Alaska is the proximity and availability of hunting and fishing, among other outdoors activities. Not only do I enjoy hunting and fishing, but I use the meat to feed my family throughout the year. Dall sheep and mountain goats are especially important to me, as mountain hunting has always held a special place in my heart. My father began sheep hunting in the Wrangell Mountains in the 1970s and has instilled the same passion for Dall sheep in me. My family does and has always loved Alaska's mountains.

Because of my love and dedication to Alaska's Dall sheep, mountain goats, and muskox, I strongly support Movi testing of all domestic sheep and goats regardless of age prior to import into Alaska. I strongly support Movi testing through AAVLD accredited diagnostic laboratories. And I strongly support adding Movi to the Reportable Disease List and requiring same-day reporting.

I urge you to move forward with the above-mentioned recommendations. Even a single domestic animal carrying Movi is too great of a threat to Alaska's Dall sheep, mountain goats, and muskox. Our country and the rest of the world have spent most of this year experiencing exactly what can happen when a single individual contracts a contagious disease. Now is the time for Alaska to take steps to protect our Dall sheep, mountain goats, and muskox.

Thank you for your consideration,

Matt Stielstra