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I have been a resident of Alaska for fifty two years and have enjoyed hunting, viewing and photographing wild sheep and goats. They are the essence of the Alaska mystique and a treasure that should be protected at all costs. They are in danger of being infected with Movi from domestic sheep and goats as has happened in the lower 48 and Canada. Why would Alaska not take steps to prevent this from happening up here instead of trying to combat it after it occurs; especially when preventative measures can be instituted? Once this disease gets into wild sheep and goat herds it will be devastating and next to impossible to eradicate.

I am in favor of the proposed regulations and ask that Alaska wild sheep, goats and muskoxen be protected by requiring screening of all domestic sheep and goats, regardless of age, for Movi before importation into Alaska. In addition, all domestic sheep and goats in Alaska should also be tested and certified disease free.

I also support Movi testing through AAVLD accredited diagnostic laboratories and support adding Movi to the Reportable Disease list and requiring same day reporting.
Thank you for your consideration of my comments

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