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My name is Michael J. Borel (Mike). I am a U.S. Citizen and very active in wildlife conservation, especially for wild Ovis and Capra species. I'm also a hunter with a passion for these iconic species. Wild sheep, wild goats and muskoxen are important to me because of my activities in their conservation and my desire to hunt them when populations allow and permits can be obtained.

I fully support M-Ovi testing of **all** domestic sheep and goats regardless of age prior to import into Alaska. This is a major step in preventing massive die offs that have occurred wherever domestic and wild species come into contact.

I also support M-Ovi testing through **accredited diagnostic laboratories**. Let's be sure to do this in a scientifically sound manner.

I further support **adding M-Ovi to the Reportable Disease List**, requiring same-day reporting. This will help with monitoring and traceability for management.

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