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Jason W. Brune, Commissioner
Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
555 Cordova Street
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Re: Proposed Animal Health Regulation Changes – Specifically related to *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae*

Dear Commissioner Brune;

I applaud and support your proposal to initiate changes to the regulations dealing with Animal Health as relates to *Movi*. I would encourage finer detail in that testing should be done on all sheep and goats regardless of age, and that testing should be performed by accredited labs. I also support adding *Movi* to the reportable Disease List, requiring same-day reporting.

As a hunter conservationist, the potential impact that *Movi* could cause to our wild populations of Sheep, Goats, and Muskoxen is extremely concerning. I have been involved with international Sheep Summits as well as a participant in the local 2018 working group hosted by the AK Dept. of F&G. Additionally, it should be noted that I have a degree from The College of Agriculture at Penn State University. I have a foot in both worlds, and I do understand the concerns of the domestic interests as well as the wild interests.

The proposals are not exclusionary they are precautionary. At the end of the day, the freedoms of the individual – so valued as strong independent Alaskans – should not be allowed to risk the much larger economic impact that a strong healthy wild population of Sheep, Goats, and Muskoxen provide to the State.

Kindly,



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cc: AK Wild Sheep Foundation