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Public Comment to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation

Re: New regulations for M. ovi. Testing will hurt domestic agriculture without helping wild animals.

I feel that the “lower 48” organizations such as the Wild Sheep Foundation have been advocating more testing for Alaska without accepting current science that proves the M. ovi. Already exists in wildlife populations across the state.

This testing will severely hinder the development of the sheep and goat industry in Alaska as it is cost-prohibitive for small farmers and startup businesses. It would prevent them from being able to bring new breeding stock without testing into the state.

We have many members of our Alaska Farm Bureau that have sheep or goats on a small scale, and would like to expand their business. This needless extra expense would greatly hinder any plans they may have.

I oppose this testing and stand with Alaskan Farmers.

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