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I am a longtime Alaska resident with a passion for our wild animals and wild places we are so lucky to have in our great state. It has come to my attention our wild sheep, goats and muskoxen may be at dire risk from diseases, namely Movi, brought in by domestic sheep and goats. I think the value of our wild game resources is of utmost importance and if lost we may never regain. I support the testing of ALL domestic sheep and goats regardless of their age prior to importing them into Alaska. If we know there is a dangerous threat, we should not allow any loopholes and implement the right regulations the first time. I also support doing the testing through AAVLD accredited diagnostic laboratories so we can ensure the best and most accurate testing is being used. I also believe we need to add Movi to the Reportable Disease List and require same-day reporting so there is no delay when an infected animal is discovered. We are on the right path to protecting our invaluable wild resources, but we must do it in a smart and effective way. We must do our best to protect our wild sheep, goats and muskoxen before it is too late.