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As a sheep enthusiast (hunter, photographer and general admirer), I feel that it is critically important we protect our wildlife. Preventing disease is no easy task, but minimizing the chances by ensuring that no cases of Movi are present in domestic livestock currently within the state and no infected animals are brought into the state is a fairly straight forward process that can help with this effort. I was born and raised in Wyoming on a ranch so I get the impacts to the domestic animals and their owners. What is being proposed is a reasonable approach. I've seen the horrific impacts to wild big horn sheep populations in Wyoming and Montana when they are exposed to Movi and domestic livestock. Sooner or later it will happen in Alaska if proper steps are not taken to ensure that the bacteria is not present. The WSF has been spearheading this effort for over 5 years, the time is now.