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I am Francis Gallela – a 48 year resident of Alaska.

My work as an economist has taken me all over our beautiful Alaska.

I have enjoyed our State's beauty and wildlife for decades.

I have toured and introduced my visiting friends and relatives to our outstanding beautiful Alaska.

My visitors have always enjoyed our wildlife especially our Dall Sheep which I have pointed out along the Turnagain Arm.

I am very concerned about the Mycoplasma Ovipneumoniae – Movi.

This disease could wipe out or severely reduce Alaska's Dall sheep.

That would be a very sad biological disaster...possible elimination of a significant mammal from Alaska.

We must test domestic sheep and goats regardless of their age before they were imported to Alaska.

Such testing must be accomplished through AAVLD accredited diagnostic laboratories.

Additionally, I strongly urge that we add Movi to the Reportable Disease List and that we require same-day reporting.

President Theodore Roosevelt- in one of his conservation speeches - said wildlife cannot speak...We must speak for wildlife.

Yes...T.R. is no longer with us...so you and I must speak for wildlife.

We must protect and conserve wildlife just as TR worked so very hard to do.

Thank you for reading my thoughts.

Please stay strong against this disease.

Sincerely,

Francis Gallela



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