



February 25, 2018

The Honorable Andy Josephson
House Resource Committee Co-Chair
Alaska State House of Representatives

RE: AK WSF Letter in Support of HCR 23

Dear Representative Josephson,

The Alaska Wild Sheep Foundation (AK WSF) would like to thank you for your efforts in support of the prevention of disease in domestic and wild animals and to let you know that we strongly support HCR23.

We have firsthand knowledge of some of the foreign pathogens that threaten our valuable wildlife resources. Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), winter ticks on moose, epizootic die-offs from pneumonia, and Brucellosis to name a few. Many of these threats can be countered with early detection and an appropriate response.

Through a proactive approach and development of a systemic response capability that can be tailored to each unique threat we might well be able to counter them before they do significant damage in Alaska.

AK WSF appreciates this Resolution and we will be happy to provide support for its passage in any way that we can.

Sincerely,

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