

Dear Senator Cathy Giessel,

I'm an Alaska livestock owner and I would appreciate you supporting SB164, the Confidentiality of Animal and Crop records legislation. This bill will encourage Alaska livestock owners and farmers to work with the Department of Environmental Conservation and the State Veterinarian's office in disease management through confidentiality provisions of State Law. Without confidentiality provisions livestock owners and farmers will be unlikely to contact the State Veterinarian to manage disease concerns, and will be less likely under current law to have animals tested voluntarily for contagious diseases and viruses. This could have a huge negative impact on the health of livestock and crops in Alaska.

Thank you

Sincerely, Tina Starr Judd