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The originator of Prop 90 has said in print that one should not wait to cut a firebreak until after the house has been consumed by wildfire. This is an appropriate analogy in that one shouldn't proceed to cut down his neighbor's trees in creating said firebreak. Nor does he demand that the Division of Forestry level the timber of the entire state to make himself feel "safe", even if his structure IS a "mobile home".

If the disease AGENT transmission potential is really such an urgent risk crisis, why would he now offer a proposal amendment of a two year delay of implementation on this polarizing proposition? If he really intended no harm to producers, why does his proposal so closely align with his entry on the flip boards of the WSWG? (Attachment A) If he really is so open to communication and collaboration with producers, why did he threaten to leave the Alaska Farm Bureau meeting (two days before the online public comment deadline) when a member of the ANFBA (Alaska Natural Fiber Business Association) and a member of the ABGA (American Boer Goat Association) mistakenly thought they would be welcome to silently support their fellows? Domestic producers and consumers would much rather work directly with F&G, DEC, Div of Ag, than a special interest group holding prop 90 over their heads while they "negotiate".

It is already abundantly clear that all but the de-listment portion of prop 90 are empty promises and thinly veiled threats, where the power to implement them lies in the domain of other agencies. Forcing them into F&G regulations would open the BOG to Overreach of Authority lawsuits. What then remains (removal of domestics from the clean list) would not only have devastating ramifications for the small stock community, who really just want to feed and clothe folks, but unforeseen consequences for all our wildlife as they would then have to bear the appetite of the state's population for clean, quality, local protein. Please reject Prop 90 in it's entirety, so that the managers of domestic sheep and goats, and the managers of wild sheep and goats, can work together without fear.

Thank you for your time,

"A" Thomas

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