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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Ashley Schmitz and I am writing to respectfully request a reevaluation of what is clearly a grievous error by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. I was born and raised in Alaska, and while on paper I am no longer an Alaskan resident, it will forever be my home. One of the best parts of being raised in Alaska was my huge family, mainly consisting of so many cousins it was pointless to even attempt a headcount. One of those cousins was Chase Bowerson, who was senselessly murdered on January 2nd of this year. I don't have the right words to make sense of what happened to Chase, I doubt they even exist, but what I can offer his family and the ADFG is my voice in support of what should be their right to have Chase's hunting tag, drawn not 6 weeks after that tragic day, transferred to them so they can honor and grieve him in such a profound way. I truly hope the right thing is done in this situation, both for my family and future families going through the unimaginable.



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On behalf of the Bowerson family, and the loss of Chase Bowerson earlier this year, I would like to request that adjustments to the rules for distributing hunting tags be modified. In exceptional circumstances, such as death or a medical occurrence that prevents someone who wins a hunting tag to accept it, passing the tag onto a family member who has also applied for, yet not received a tag for the season makes sense. People and families rely on the meat they obtain to sustain them throughout the winter. Additionally, and I'm sure you would agree, if a loved one passes and happens to receive a tag after their death, a family member receiving the tag in their place would have the opportunity to honor their loved one and follow through with something the loved one would have enjoyed. Please consider this. In particular, please consider allowing a member of the Bowerson family to receive Chase's tag that he would have so loved to receive himself. It is one thing they can do to unite as a family and make Chase proud. Thank you



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Please consider changing regulations for hunt tags to be transferable to a family member in the case of the tag holder's death. This seems like an added insensitivity to a grieving family that they shouldn't have to bear.



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This is regarding the permit for Chase Bowerson and transferring it to a family member. As Alaskan we do many things out side the box's. We make special events happen for children with cancer before they die and now this family is asking for something after. It doesn't affect anything but making a exception for them to go hunting in his honor. So, please I'm asking if it was your son and it was something that you wanted that you could spend a special day that was planned before he was murdered! Thank you for you time!

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To whom who has the power to bring a little bit of justice to my grieving family - On December 14th 2020 I sat down with my baby brother Chase Miller Bowerson to put in for 6 moose hunts on the ADFG website. Not knowing this would be the last birthday I would spend with my brother we were unbelievably excited for the stars had finally aligned and we where both able to put in for tags together . It was the day before the deadline, it was Chases last birthday. I offered to pay for the tag fees and Chase was so excited about finally going to get to go hunting with my dad and I that he happily declined and pulled his own debit card out and payed ADFG roughly 35\$ for the 6 cow tags and a bison tag. I knew deep in my heart he was going to draw a tag, but had no idea he was going to be senselessly taken from my family two weeks later on January 2nd 2021. The longest month of my families lives later Chase drew the DM408 moose tag. Reading the results on an airplane had this grown man in full tears in front of 30 strangers. This hunt meant the world to me and my family. That is Chases Tag, I saw him purchase and win it, and my friends, family, and community will not stand for anything less than the transfer of that tag to our family. It would mean the world to my family and I am gaining confidence this small amount of justice will be served. Thank you for reading and your understanding. -Aaron Trent



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We are writing as executor of our son Chase Bowerson's estate, and as a voice for our son. Our son Chase was murdered on 1/2/2021, the worst day of our families lives. Chase had accomplished so much in his 26 years and had so many things he still wanted to achieve and accomplish. One of those was to go hunting this fall with his brothers and father. My husband and 3 sons put in for the draw for a chance to receive a tag, Chase put in on the last day, his birthday, because he thought it might give him some luck. Within 3 weeks of his birthday Chase was murdered. When the draw tag names were released our family felt again another loss as we saw Chase was the only member of our family to be issued a tag. We called Fish and Game to be informed they would not transfer his tag to his brothers or father and that was that. To say we felt like we were kicked yet again while down would be an understatement. Chase dreamt of going on this hunt and had big plans of the season to come. He paid for the chance to get a tag and then was awarded that chance. The chance became his property. As executor of his estate we have had to deal with paying all his debt and also taking care of his assets. This tag is his property as well and should be transferred to his brothers or father to hunt in his honor. It's not even a guarantee of a moose, but a chance. To deny it is terrible and needs to be changed. As Chase Bowerson's family we would like to petition to have the tag transferred to us, we are all lifelong Alaskans and put in for draw tags every year. If that isn't possible we would like to see this rule changed with Fish and Game so another family never has to go through this. We appreciate your time in addressing this and hope you will help us make the changes needed and possibly help us get the tag transferred so we can honor our son.

Thank you for your time and consideration -

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The proxy rule of not transferring a tag needs changing. My nephew drew a tag, he was killed, the tag should stay in family, to feed his family! To finally get a tag and have hopes of sharing and feeding a lot of people, only to 1) have your family member stolen from you then 2) have their tag not going to another family member, is a travesty!!!
This rule needs and HAS TO CHANGE!!!!!!!!!!
JUSTICE FOR CHASE!!!!!!!!!!