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This comment is on behalf of the Bowerson/Trent family, who recently experienced the unspeakable tragedy of losing their beloved son, brother, and uncle Chase. Soon after he was taken from them, it was discovered that Chase's name had been pulled for a 2020/2021 draw hunt permit, which he obviously can no longer take for himself, and yet your department has also refused to transfer that tag to any of his other family members so that they may carry out the hunt in his honor. I am under the impression that proxy hunts are allowed in cases of deployment or physical inability, to name a few examples, so I am at a loss as to why this situation should yield any different results whatsoever; the bag limit remains the same so what exactly is the problem? The Bowerson/Trent family have been remarkable friends to me over the past 18 or so odd years that I have known them and they wholeheartedly deserve this chance to honor Chase and carry out one of his last wishes; if you can't change this illogical statute for them, please at least consider changing it for the benefit of future families, lest they end up similarly affected.



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Hello! Recently a good friend of mines son, Chase Bowerson, drew a tag for a moose this season. Unfortunately, her son was brutally murdered on the Glenn Highway by being run over by someone who he thought was his friend on January 2nd. Their family received notice last month that Chase had drawn the tag. It was just one more heart wrenching blow for them to know that Chase had finally drawn the permit, his first permit, and would not be around to take it. This meat would have been distributed to his entire family. Their hope was to be able to transfer the tag to a remaining family member in order to provide for their family in Chases name. This isn't a circumstance that happens often and my hope is that by writing this comment requesting the permit be transferred in this Extenuating circumstance to a family member so the meat intended for Chases family, goes to Chases family. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Respectfully,

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A very dear friend Chase Bowerson was taken from all of us on January 2nd. He had dreamt to go on a family moose hunt with his pops and 2 brothers. They all had submitted for tags in hope for this dream to come true later to find that Chase's name had been pulled for a tag nearly a month after his murder. The department of fish and game will not transfer that tag to an immediate family member so that they may do this hunt in his honor. This is ridiculous and I would hope you will do the right thing and allow this already grieving family to receive that tag they deserve so they may honor their Son/ brother in a trip they will never get to experience with their lost love one.

Chase is greatly missed and loved and would have wanted nothing more than to be able to do this with/ for his family, unfortunately he is no longer here but his Tag is. Please do not add to the list of things taken from this amazing family.

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I am wanting to know what the reasoning for the lack of leaniancy for a recently deceased friends hunting tag is about? Chase Bowerson's family trying to heal and honor him in the best way they know how seems simple. Is this a stipulation or law that needs to be updated or petitioned for change? This is not a manipulation of the system their direct family members who would have been on the hunt regardless are going to be the ones receiving the tag.



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I feel very strongly that any lottery tags won should pass to next of kin. The Bowerson family has suffered a tragic loss, and that affects all of us. Alaska's a special place for a lot of reasons, but to the people who live here, being a part of this unique and caring community is important to us. I feel, that in this world where doing the right thing is often more difficult, here is a rare and simple solution that could mean a great deal to one of our own. Thank you, Sonny



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Helping Alaskans grieve and honor those who have passed, especially unexpected is so important. And simple. This law does not make sense to exclude the ability to transfer a tag for some who has died yet if someone became ill and couldn't use the tagging, its transferable? I would expect the law to be reversed. If you have ever lost a loved one, honoring them in this way can be a big part of the healing process. Help Alaskan heals. During this crazy pandemic, it's even more important to change this law, giving just a little peace of mind Make sense during a time when so little in the world does make sense right now Thank you



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I just became aware that proxy hunting is disallowed for persons who have died between applying for permit draws and the hunting season. This is a ridiculous position and the statutes must be changed to allow a proxy designated by family to utilize the permits drawn for the deceased person. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.



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I understand that proxy hunts occur frequently. If you put in for a tag, pull it, and you're physically unable to go, you can present a letter from a doctor and Fish and Game will transfer the tag. If you pull a tag and you're then deployed, Fish and Game will transfer the tag.

But they will not transfer the tag if the person who paid for it ends up deceased. I would like to request that Fish & Game also make the option available to transfer the tag to a family member so that they may hunt in honor of the deceased.

thank you.



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Please allow the transfer of tags drawn by deceased persons to be transferred to a family member.



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To whom it may concern:

The current statue regarding hunting tags needs to be changed ASAP. While the tag can be transferred under other circumstances in such a tragic situation the Trent-Bowerson family at a loss. They have suffered unimaginable loss and are being stolen from again. This family would not only use but cherish this opportunity. Along with future families in similar situations.

Please let this family have a win in their son's name. Please let something positive happen for this family and allow them to come together as they should have if Chase was still here.
#justiceforchasebowerson