

January 11, 2011

TO: Montana State Legislature  
Helena, Montana

FROM: Lynda Hurter  
Sister of Barry Moore

RE: BARRY'S LAW

It is my understanding that a new Bill application has been presented to the Montana Legislature for consideration, and that on Thursday, January 13, 2011, comments will be heard on behalf of this Bill, to be known as Barry's Law. I would like nothing more than to be in attendance on Thursday and to speak on behalf of my brother. However, due to the fact that I live 1000 miles away in Renton, WA., and had just flown to Billings last month to spend 12 days with Barry (which might well be our last time together), time and expenses make it impossible for me to make another trip at this time. Please accept this letter into your consideration.

I can testify without any hesitation that the proposed Barry's Law would be one of the greatest legacies Barry could leave for those in a similar end-of-life physical condition to be able to benefit from. We all know that this Bill, if passed, will be too late for my brother. His physical condition continues in a downward spiral, and as he suffers with late-stage COPD, diabetes, and other medical challenges, he prays that his Lord will 'take him home' soon; his suffering has become almost unbearable as he fights to get his next breath of air. But as a life-long outdoorsman, with hunting and fishing being his passions, that passionate nature has never diminished.

Through the compassionate endeavors of several staff members of the Ponderosa Pines Health Care facility, where Barry has lived since April of 2010, assisting him totally on their own personal time, he was able to enjoy one last successful deer hunting trip in October. Even this would have been impossible had he not have had special permission from a local landowner to hunt on his property (where he had hunted for the past 35 years) and a permit to hunt from a vehicle. Barry is tethered to his oxygen tank 24/7, tires very quickly, and so could not be away from the Care Facility for more than a couple hours at most during the hunting season just past. At this time, I would say even that would be an impossible undertaking.

Barry had put in for his antelope tag last season, as he had every year for as long as I can remember. Unfortunately, last year was one of very few years that he was not issued a tag. It was like a hard hit to the gut; he was so looking forward to one last antelope hunt. Yes, he was offered tags from others and suggestions that he just go ahead and hunt, etc. But as a life-long hunter and Life Member of the National Wildlife Association, he would never overstep boundaries or wildlife laws. So no, Barry did not have his last antelope hunt. However, if Barry's Law is passed into the Montana Legislative Laws, maybe, if another passionate hunter in the future, who finds him/herself in a similar physical condition as my brother, they might be able to have their final wish granted. I pray that may be the case.

Thank you for your compassionate and legal consideration.

Lynda Hurter  
1119 Redmond Avenue NE  
Renton, WA 98056  
425-255-0645