

Governor Sean Parnell
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Dear Governor Parnell,

I hope that you are doing well, and by now settled in as Governor of Alaska.

You may recall that our son, SPC Stephen (Max) Cavanaugh, assigned to the Warrior Transition Unit at Fort Richardson, was killed in a collision with a moose in December, 2007.

You and I met in 2008 when we worked together to clear brush along the New Seward Corridor near where Max was killed. Thanks for being there with us. It meant a lot to Susan and me to know that you would take the time to show your support.

I received a note from Gary Olson at Alaska Moose Federation that he had been called to assist at a moose collision at the very spot where Max lost his life in December, 2007. It seems that, despite our efforts, the moose problem remains in the New Seward Corridor.

Governor Parnell, losing a son or daughter is more painful than anyone can imagine. It was especially tragic that Max was killed while waiting his military discharge after surviving 300 missions as a turret gunner in Iraq. Even after two years, there isn't a day when we don't wonder what might have been, had he come home.

This letter is to thank you for supporting programs like those conducted by AMF and to ask for your continued support. AMF has planned a number of programs, including one to perform the complete removal of all moose browse along New Seward.

Please do what you can to support moose mitigation through whatever means are possible. No one in Alaska should lose a family member if it can be avoided through such efforts.

As always, let me know if there is anything I can do to help. My contact info is below.

Sincerely,

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