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On February 7, 2014, Judge Erin Marston of the Anchorage Superior Court ordered Bret Bohn to be assigned a permanent public guardian. In doing so, Judge Marston ruled that Bret's father, mother, sister, aunt, uncle, cousin, and closest friends were all unsuitable to be Bret's guardian. Worse, Judge Marston actually found that Bret's mother intended to harm him—despite clear evidence to the contrary.

The family is devastated by Judge Marston's decision. Bret has now been inside Providence Hospital since October 19—four months. No family member has seen Bret since December 25, and his mother has not seen him since December 3. It took nearly three months for Bret to be diagnosed with a rare autoimmune disorder, and—now that a proper diagnosis has been made by his doctors—Bret's family is eager to follow the prescribed course of treatment so that Bret can get well. But this, apparently, is not enough.

Bret's friends know him to be a thoughtful young man of foresight. To that end, Bret executed an Advanced Healthcare Directive, naming his mother and father as his healthcare agents. Like many other Alaskans, it was Bret's preference to have close family members make health decisions in the event that he became incapacitated. But, apparently, the court has ignored Bret's written request.

The Bohn family appreciates the love and support they have received from many in the Anchorage community, and the State of Alaska at large. They are perplexed, and we are very disappointed with Judge Marston's order. We ask for your continued prayers as we help the Bohn family consider their next step in seeking to help Bret.

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