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Dear Governor Murphy,

I am writing to request a re-evaluation of the decision to reinstate the New Jersey bear hunt for the upcoming season.

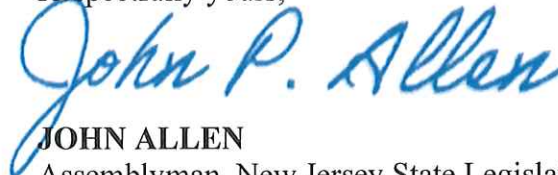
I understand the challenges posed by an increasing bear population and I believe that hunting may not be the most ethical or long-term solution. It is essential to manage New Jersey's black bear population, and there are more compassionate and effective methods that could help control their numbers and address the associated risks.

Through public education on black bear behavior and enhanced habitat conservation efforts, we can reduce negative encounters between humans and bears without the need for hunting.

I strongly urge you to reconsider bear hunting and review the valid concerns expressed by residents in New Jersey.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I hope that alternative approaches can be explored to address this important issue.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John P. Allen".

JOHN ALLEN
Assemblyman, New Jersey State Legislature