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Honorable Philip Murphy
Governor of the State of New Jersey
Office of the Governor, PO Box 001
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Dear Governor Murphy,

I am writing to respectfully request that you reconsider your decision to bring back the New Jersey bear hunt for the upcoming season. Our office has heard from many advocates who would like to end the bear hunt and I strongly urge you to listen to these voices.

I share your concerns about the increase in bear-human interactions, however, we must remain mindful of the growing concerns from conservation groups and residents alike who feel the bear hunt is unnecessary and inhumane. By seeking alternative solutions, we can address the public's concerns in a way that aligns with New Jersey's values of environmental stewardship and compassion for animals.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact my office at sencryan@njleg.org or call (908) 624-0880.

Sincerely,

Joseph P. Cryan

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J P Cryan".

Senator, 20th Legislative District of New Jersey