



NEW JERSEY LEGISLATURE

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Dear Governor Murphy,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Fish and Game Council's decision made on November 15, 2022, concerning the allowance of bear hunting for the upcoming season.

I believe there are more effective and humane strategies to address human-bear conflicts than permitting a hunt. For example, enforcing stricter regulations on securing trash could significantly reduce the likelihood of attracting bears into human-populated areas.

Furthermore, the decision to allow bear hunting was made through emergency rule procedures, which, I feel, compromised transparency and limited public participation. Many constituents were not afforded the opportunity to voice their opinions, raising concerns about whether their views were adequately considered in this decision-making process.

In light of these concerns, I strongly urge you to reconsider and reject the Comprehensive Black Bear Management Policy that supports bear hunting. I am committed to working together to identify and implement non-lethal solutions to effectively manage human-bear interactions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shama Haider".

Shama A. Haider
Assemblywoman, District 37