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The Honorable Phillip D. Murphy  
Governor, State of New Jersey  
PO Box 001  
Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear Governor Murphy,

I am writing to express my opposition to the bear hunt that the administration has permitted for this year. As someone who deeply cares about the welfare of animals and the environment, I am aware that black bears are very unlikely to become aggressive toward humans.

As the prime sponsor of S765 (Revises law prohibiting feeding of black bear), I believe that there are more effective ways to prevent human-bear conflict than resorting to a hunt. In light of this fact, I urge you to use your executive power to stop the bear hunt and prevent it from occurring in future years.

It is our responsibility to protect wildlife and their habitats, and I strongly believe that there are better ways to mitigate conflicts between humans and bears. I urge you to consider these alternatives and take the necessary steps to ensure that the bear hunt does not take place.

Sincerely,

Gordon M. Johnson  
Senator, District 37

CC: Doreen Frega, Animal Protection League of New Jersey