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Governor Phil Murphy
Office of Governor Phil Murphy
125 West State Street,
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Governor Murphy,

I write to oppose the decision to resume New Jersey's black bear hunt and urge you to consider more humane means of population control.

While I understand, New Jersey's black bear population is growing, hunting is not a proven means of reducing human and bear interactions and some studies suggest hunting can cause a spike in population growth.

I urge you to work with advocates and experts in leading robust discussions about the best way to control the bear population in New Jersey.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer my comments and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Y Lopez". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "Y" and a cursive "Lopez".

Yvonne Lopez
Assemblywoman
19th Legislative District