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Hon. Phillip D. Murphy
Governor, State of New Jersey
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Dear Governor Murphy,

I am writing to express my concern and opposition to the New Jersey black bear hunt. I urge you and the administration to reconsider this policy.

According to numerous studies black bear hunting is riddled with inefficiencies as a means of controlling the black bear population and reducing black bear and human interactions. Black bears are often unfairly perceived as aggressive, yet according to the North American Black Bear Center, the majority of black bear attacks are defensive responses to people being in too close proximity. In light of this information, implementing a black bear hunt does not seem to be the appropriate or effective policy. Instead, I would urge you to focus a more humane and non-lethal solutions to successfully manage human-bear interactions.

Again, I kindly request you reconsider the New Jersey black bear hunt.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ellen J. Park". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ellen" and last name "Park" clearly visible.

Ellen Park
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