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Governor Phil Murphy
Office of Governor Phil Murphy
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Dear Governor Murphy,

I hope you are doing well. I'm writing to express my strong opposition to the black bear hunt in New Jersey and to ask that your administration reconsider this policy.

While I understand the need to manage wildlife and address conflicts between bears and humans, I believe hunting is not the right approach. There are more humane and effective ways to manage the growing black bear population. For example, education and public awareness efforts have been successful in other regions and could be part of the solution here in New Jersey.

We also need to consider the ethical consequences of hunting black bears. These animals are conscious beings and deserve to be treated with respect. Research shows that black bears are usually not aggressive towards people, which makes hunting them even more concerning. Our state should lead by promoting kindness and empathy toward all animals.

I urge you to rethink the current policy on black bear hunting. Please consider non-lethal methods of managing wildlife and invest in educational programs that teach people how to live peacefully with black bears. Let's work together to find solutions that are both ethical and effective, protecting our communities and our wildlife

Sincerely,

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