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The Honorable Philip D. Murphy
Governor of New Jersey
The State of New Jersey
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Dear Governor Murphy,

I hope my letter finds you well and in good spirits. I am writing to you again Governor, to express my deep concerns with the Fish and Game Council's decisions in reference to the bear hunt for the 2024 season. Allowing the bear hunt to take place is inconsistent with a rightly cautious approach that you have indeed taken through executive orders. This year's hunt in our estimation and in the estimation of many of our constituents should be suspended in its entirety on both public and private lands.

I am respectfully requesting your consideration to a suspension of the 2024 black bear trophy hunt to protect the public's health until which time a more humane approach can be sought and implemented.

Thank you, Governor, for considering this request and the request of my constituents. I look forward discussing this issue with your staff. Please don't hesitate to contact me directly or my Chief of Staff, Estina Baker.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Britnee N. Timberlake", written over a horizontal line.

Senator Britnee N. Timberlake