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

We are writing to express our strong opposition to the bear hunt that the administration has permitted for this year. As individuals who deeply care about animal welfare and the environment, we are concerned that black bears, which are rarely aggressive toward humans, do not pose enough of a threat to warrant such a hunt.

We believe there are more effective and humane strategies to prevent human-bear conflict than resorting to a hunt. Considering this, we urge you to use your executive authority to halt this year's bear hunt and work toward preventing it from being authorized in the future.

It is our collective responsibility to protect wildlife and their habitats. We strongly believe that there are better, non-lethal approaches to managing human-wildlife interactions, and we ask that you consider these alternatives. We hope that you will take the necessary steps to ensure the bear hunt does not proceed and that more sustainable solutions are implemented moving forward.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Me Uza".

Michael J. Venezia
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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carmen Morales".

Carmen Morales
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