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The Honorable Phillip Murphy  
Governor of the State of New Jersey  
Office of Governor, PO BOX 001  
Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear Governor Murphy,

I am writing to respectfully request you suspend the upcoming 2020 Bear Hunt in public and private lands in New Jersey. I agree there should be humane, non-lethal methods included in the State's bear management strategic plan.

Many states have already suspended their bear hunting, however, bear hunting is still allowed in our state. With our State going through a second wave of the coronavirus, allowing out of state hunters will be counterproductive with our State efforts to mitigate the spread.

I am asking for an Executive Order to be issued suspending the 2020 December Bear Hunt and put the safety of New Jersey communities first.

Again, thank you for your time and attention on this matter. Should you need to reach me, you can contact me at [SenCryan@njleg.org](mailto:SenCryan@njleg.org) or (908) 624-0880.

Sincerely,

Joseph Cryan  
Senator, 20<sup>th</sup> Legislative District