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

Dear Governor Murphy,

I applaud your administration's decision to pursue the suspension of the 2020 New Jersey bear hunt and review of the State's black bear policy. However, I urge you to issue an Executive Order that suspends the 2020 hunt next week out of precaution for the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The recent outbreaks and increase in the State's positivity rates are a major concern. While cases have slowly decreased over the past few months, we cannot encourage out-of-state hunters to come to New Jersey who may not be fully committed to adhering to our restrictions that help flatten the curve. We should be setting an example and discourage non-essential interstate travel and in your words "urge New Jerseyans [and all of our neighbors] to remain vigilant and take all necessary precautions to stop the spread of COVID-19."

Thank you for your consideration of this request to suspend the 2020 Bear Hunt.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roy Freiman", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Roy Freiman
Assemblyman, 16th Legislative District