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The Honorable Phil Murphy, Governor
State of New Jersey

Subject: 2020 Black Bear Hunt

Dear Governor Murphy,

I am writing to respectfully request that you suspend the 2020 Bear Hunt in its entirety on public and private lands. I applaud your successful efforts that have created the proposed changes to the Game Code that would end bear hunting in New Jersey after 2020, but feel that we need to also suspend the upcoming 2020 Bear Hunt.

Unfortunately, our current lax regulations encourage out-of-state hunters to come to New Jersey to engage in trophy-hunting of bear cubs. This creates a situation where we may have out-of-state hunters not fully committed to adhering to our restrictions that enable us to flatten the pandemic curve.

I oppose the Bear Hunt and believe that it is important to suspend this hunt.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas P. Giblin".

Thomas P. Giblin
Assemblyman
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