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Via Electronic Mail

Governor Phil Murphy

Office of the Governor

222 W State St

Trenton, NJ 08608

Dear Governor Murphy,

I am writing in support of canceling the 10-day Bear hunt that begins on December 7, 2020.

New Jersey is still under a State of Emergency due to the surge in coronavirus infections and deaths. The latest quarantine advisory issued this week from your office requests that individuals from 43 states and territories with significant community spread of COVID-19 to quarantine for 14 days. An advisory request that we cannot control. Bear hunts typically attract participants from New Jersey and around the country. This will affect the health and well-being of all New Jerseyans, especially those disproportionately impacted by this pandemic.

Canceling the Bear hunt will put the safety of New Jersey communities first, ensure all the participants' safety, and allow time to implement guidelines that will humanely address our wildlife control program for the future.

Sincerely,

Nia H. Gill

Senator

34th Legislative District

CC: Catherine McCabe, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (*Via Email*)