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The Honorable Governor Phil Murphy  
Office of the Governor  
P.O. Box 001  
Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear Governor Murphy:

Thank you for your decision to suspend New Jersey's bear hunt at the end of the 2020 season. I am pleased to know that you agree that there should be humane, non-lethal methods included in the state's bear management strategy. However, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the upcoming bear hunt on public and private lands.

Should you allow the bear hunt to continue, out-of-state hunters would be encouraged to travel to New Jersey to participate in trophy hunting bear cubs. This would adversely impact the overhunted bear population that already exists in our state.

As such, I respectfully request that you suspend the upcoming 2020 black bear trophy hunt. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (908) 624-0880.

I thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jamel C. Holley".

Jamel C. Holley, Assemblyman  
New Jersey State Assembly, District 20  
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