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The Honorable Phil Murphy
Governor, State of New Jersey
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Dear Governor Murphy,

I support your administration's decision to eliminate the bear hunt in 2021 and complete a review of New Jersey's Black Bear Management Policy with an emphasis on non-lethal solutions. To that end, I also support issuing an executive order to suspend the 2020 bear hunt.

Though I have always opposed the bear hunt, conducting the bear hunt during a pandemic requires enhanced scrutiny. The weak rules governing New Jersey's bear hunt attract hunters from other states. At this time, we should be reducing interstate travel, not encouraging it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gordon M. Johnson".

Gordon M. Johnson
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