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The Honorable Phil Murphy
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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 area of concern. At this critical time, we must do everything in our power to flatten the curve and we must not encourage out-of-state hunters to come to New Jersey for the 2020 hunt. An Executive Order of this nature would add to our vigilant stance on COVID-19 and will help stop the spread of this virus.

Thank you for your consideration and attention on this matter.

Sincerely,

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