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December 2, 2020

VIA REGULAR U.S.P.S. & ELECTRONIC MAIL

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

Re: 2020 Bear Hunt

Dear Governor Murphy,

I write to respectfully request that your office give consideration to suspending the December 2020 Bear Hunt on public and private lands.

Over the past few weeks, our State has seen a drastic uptick in COVID-19 positivity rates. Given our State's lax hunting rules and regulations, which often encourages many out-of-state hunters to participate, this will lead to a greater chance of community spread of the virus.

Out of an abundance of caution, and in the interest of public health, I firmly believe the COVID-19 pandemic surge we are experiencing necessitates that the remainder of the 2020 Bear Hunt be suspended.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John F. McKeon".

John F. McKeon
Assemblyman – District 27