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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 recently deciding to suspend New Jersey's bear hunt after the conclusion of the 2020 season. I agree there should be humane, non-lethal methods included in the state's bear management plan.

The fact remains, however, well over 300 black bears have already been killed since the 2020 hunt began earlier this month, and hundreds more will likely perish should the December round of hunting occur as scheduled.

If it is already your intention to suspend the black bear hunt in the future, it is worth considering acting on this intention now.

Therefore, I am writing to ask that you consider issuing an executive order mandating the immediate suspension of all bear hunting activity in New Jersey for the duration of this calendar year.

If you have any questions or wish to speak with me directly, please contact my office at (908) 327-9119 or via email at AswQuijano@njleg.org.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Annette Quijano,

Assemblywoman, 20th Legislative District

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