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Honorable Phil Murphy  
New Jersey Governor  
*Via email*

Dear Governor Murphy,

I am writing this letter today to respectfully ask that you give all due consideration to suspending the 2020 bear hunt on public and private lands in New Jersey. As the State Senator of the 7<sup>th</sup> Legislative District, and an animal welfare advocate, I appreciate your consideration of this request.

I believe that New Jersey should do all that it can to protect the welfare of animals in our state, whether they be domesticated or wildlife. Animal welfare has been, and will continue to be, a priority for me in the Legislature. To that end, I feel strongly that hunting bears for trophy purposes is cruel and inhumane. Further, from a public health perspective, an influx of out-of-state hunters could lead to an unnecessary transmission or spike of COVID-19 cases.

Again, thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Should you need to reach me, you can contact me at [SenSingleton@njleg.org](mailto:SenSingleton@njleg.org) or 856-234-2790.

Most Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Troy Singleton".

Hon. Troy Singleton  
Senator, 7<sup>th</sup> Legislative District