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Governor Philip D. Murphy  
State of New Jersey  
P.O. Box 001  
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Dear Governor Murphy,

I am writing to respectfully urge you to issue an executive order mandating the suspension of all bear hunting activity in the State of New Jersey for the duration of this calendar year.

I applaud your intention to suspend the black bear hunt in years to come, however, allowing the bear hunt during this COVID-19 pandemic poses an increased health and safety threat to the residents of New Jersey. Hunters traveling into the state from other areas may not follow quarantine guidelines, wear masks, or practice social distancing. Their failure to follow protocol negates the measures that have been put in place under your leadership to stop the spread of the novel coronavirus.

I stand in solidarity with my colleagues in the Legislature who have also requested that you take action with regard to this issue. I strongly urge you to suspend this cruel and inhumane activity.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shanique Speight".

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