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Dear Governor Murphy,

I am writing to you today to respectfully request that the 2020 bear hunt be fully suspended on public and private lands. Not only is the bear hunt cruel, during this global pandemic it is irresponsible to allow an event that draws out of state hunters to occur. We run the risk of allowing hunters from states on the quarantine list to enter our state and not comply with the two week quarantine suggested by your orders, putting our residents at unnecessary risk.

As one of only two states in the nation to allow trophy hunting of bear cubs, our annual bear hunt is a national draw for hunters. We must not allow an event like this to put all of our hard work to contain the virus and flatten the curve at risk. The health of our residents during this global health crisis must be put first.

Please consider suspending the 2020 bear hunt in the interest of every New Jerseyans' public health. We have all made sacrifices and changed our behavior to combat COVID-19, and the suspension of the bear hunt is one more way we can fight this virus together. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Swain".

Assemblywoman Lisa Swain