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

Subject: 2020 Black Bear Hunt

Dear Governor Murphy:

With the changes our state has faced over the course of the last several months because of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is my hope to offer support for one additional change during this time: suspension of the 2020 Bear Hunt. This year's Bear Hunt should be suspended in its entirety on both public and private lands. Although your efforts to create the proposed changes to the Game Code to end bear hunting in New Jersey after 2020 are commendable, it is our hope to see some changes implemented this year.

Unfortunately, regulations are not in place to encourage out-of-state hunters to abide by the same regulations New Jersey residents are required to partake in. This encourages our-of-state visiting hunters to ignore proactive restrictions that have been established to flatten the pandemic curve.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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