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The Honorable Phil Murphy
Governor of the State of New Jersey
Office of Governor PO Box 001
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Dear Governor Murphy,

I applaud your administration's decision to pursue the suspension of New Jersey's bear hunt and review of the State's black bear policy. However, I urge you to issue an executive order that suspends the 2020 hunt out of precaution for the COVID-19 pandemic.

The recent outbreaks and uptick in the State's positivity rates should cause concern. While cases have dwindled over the past couple of months, we cannot give into a false sense of security – especially as flu season approaches. Due to the unique rules of New Jersey's bear hunt, many hunters from out of state enter New Jersey to participate in the fall and winter. We should be limiting non-essential interstate travel – not encouraging it.

Please give all due consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Loretta Weinberg".

Loretta Weinberg
Senator, District 37

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