

Hello Ms. LaCroix,

I am writing to you because I feel that the proposed legislation to allow Spring bear hunting is both unethical and not useful.

Maine has a long fall bear hunting season during which three methods of killing bears is legal. (Maine is the only state to allow so many ways to kill a bear). Adding another season means that bears have no life to live free of the threat of being hunted. Furthermore, hunting bears as they emerge from hibernation with young in tow is just cruel. If a mother is shot the young will die a slow and painful death from starvation.

If Maine is truly interested in reducing the bear population in a way that is both effective and ethical, it will, rather than add another hunting season, put an end to bear baiting.

I like to think of my state as one that cherishes and respects wildlife. This legislation would demonstrate just the opposite.

Sincerely,

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