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To: LaCroix, Linda
Subject: LD 337

To the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Legislative Committee:

I am writing to urge you to oppose LD 337, which would allow a spring bear hunt. It is unbelievable to me that you would even consider a bear hunt in the spring, when mother bears leave their cubs to search for food. God only knows how many cubs could be left to suffer and starve to death. I don't believe that Maine hunters really want to cause this kind of suffering to our wildlife.

If the goal is to decrease Maine's bear population, a more effective policy would be to ban bear baiting, which gives them an artificial food supply. Please consider this policy if you want to decrease the bear population.

Please think carefully about this issue, and don't allow a spring bear hunt. We need to respect and value our wildlife in Maine, not find new ways to eliminate it.

Sincerely,
Laurie Warhol
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