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To: Linda LaCroix, IFW Committee Clerk
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I am opposed to LD 337 which would open a spring hunting season for black bears. I ask whom would benefit from the hunt and why? Where is the scientific evidence that this type of hunt is necessary? Spring hunting of bears is unsportsmanlike behavior; hunting bears that are in a weakened condition after emerging from hibernation, leaving orphaned cubs when mothers are killed.

If there are those who are concerned about bears becoming a nuisance and they happen to live in an area where they may encounter a bear, try bear-resistant trash cans, incorporate a hazing program or find another alternative humane method to solve a perceived problem.

Sincerely,

Kristal Karatsanos
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