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To: IFW
Subject: Oppose LD 337

Dear Senator Dill, Representative Nadeau and members of the Committee on Inland Fisheries & Wildlife:

I stand in strong opposition to LD 337. If we want to decrease the bear population then we should not be allowing undocumented and unregulated baiting of bears which is more likely the cause of bear over-population.

We are the only state that allows baiting, hounding and trapping of bears. Adding a spring hunt makes it highly probable, many cubs will be left orphaned and defenseless when their mother doesn't return to the den. They will die from either starvation, predation or exposure, in any case a cruel death. This is inhumane and unethical. It must be taken seriously as a consequence of an ill timed spring hunt.

For these reasons, I urge you to oppose LD 337. We have an almost 3 month long Fall hunt and that should suffice.

Sincerely,

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