

**LaCroix, Linda**

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**From:** Jane Wray Larocque <janewlarocque@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 10, 2019 5:07 PM  
**To:** LaCroix, Linda  
**Subject:** Oppose LD 337

Dear Ms. LaCroix, please copy and give the following to the Committee. Thank you.

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Dear Members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Legislative Committee:

I am writing to urge you to oppose LD 337, a proposal that would introduce a spring bear hunt in Maine.

This is APPALLING! The very idea of killing mother bears (and consequently their babies) as they come out of hibernation is brutish, indefensible and revolting! Spring is a time of renewal and for babies to be with their mothers, as Nature has ordained. Not a killing field for men who want bear heads on their walls.

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife comes off like it cares about wildlife and Maine people. But I see through its slick public relations. It's like so many other governmental agencies. It says one thing but does another. It sure seems to be in the pockets of special interests who take pleasure killing and trapping animals for trophies, like they're objects. But animals are living, breathing, feeling and knowing souls.

Most Maine people like me don't want to hurt wildlife or bother their natural homes. All my life I have loved Nature, her wisdom, and wildlife as a spiritual refuge. Animals are the guardians of a healthy planet and keep to themselves. But men, and some women, who arrogantly try to micromanage and invade Nature always cause suffering and have made a real mess.

Please reject this sickening bill. It does not represent the future. It is from a very dark and barbaric place in the past.

Maine and our wildlife deserve better.

Thank you,  
Jane Wray Larocque  
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