To the members of the Legislative Committee reviewing Bear Management 26-P025

I am a Huntington resident who cares about wildlife and especially our black bears.

I travelled up to St Johnsbury to give public comment. I am so discouraged, frustrated and bewildered at FWD's response to the public comments.

I was in the room at St J and heard at least 90% of the public speak against an extension of the season. I personally do not oppose a 2nd bear tag. If FWD believes a 2nd bear tag is effective for population control, then I understand it. Hunting a 2nd bear during the REGULAR season is a is a MUCH MORE FAIR PRACTICE than hunting during a season extension when solo bears and bears-with-cubs may be denning.

But, though all those members of the public made the effort to attend and express their opinion against a season extension, to me, a layperson, it seemed that FWD simply didn't care about the public opinion. And went ahead with the extension.

FWD says they want public input. I don't believe it matters to them.

Please do not approve the season extension.

thank you for your consideration

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