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Dear Committee members;

TRPA is tasked with protecting and preserving Lake Tahoe. Scientific evidence demonstrates that wildlife is vital to a healthy environment. Our beautiful environment and wildlife populations bring massive economic assets to this region.

TRPA must be involved in protecting wildlife and promoting peaceful coexistence. We do not have a bear problem we have a human problem. It is a fact that when garbage is contained in appropriate bear proof receptacles there is a dramatic decrease in human wildlife conflict.

It is well past time that TRPA mandate bear proof garbage receptacles. It is morally wrong and completely unacceptable to have wildlife slaughtered because people cannot secure their garbage.

There are more people moving into this area; in fact it has been called a population explosion. There are more conflicts with people who do not wish to see these animals destroyed and local law-enforcement and wildlife agencies. Again this is completely unacceptable. I hope the committee is listening and will do the obvious right thing and mandate bear proof garbage receptacles. This is long overdue! Kind regards Dr. Baker
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