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Whitman Statement on Consent Decree

"The consent decree represents a strong endorsement of the reforms recommended in the Attorney General's reports and recognizes the important steps that New Jersey alone has taken to ensure our laws are enforced evenhandedly," Gov. Whitman said.

"The consent decree represents the best efforts of the Attorney General, the New Jersey State Police and the Department of Justice to develop a plan that recognizes the real and practical concerns of law enforcement officers who are simply trying to do their jobs," she added.

"This is yet another important step in enhancing public confidence in an agency that has always been, and continues to be, regarded as one of the finest police forces in America," she said.