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# Statement From Governor Chris Christie On The Removal Of Cuba From The Terrorist Watchlist

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**Trenton, NJ** – Governor Chris Christie released the following statement on the removal of Cuba from the Terrorist Watchlist:

“The United States should not be taking Cuba off the terrorist watchlist while we are still in the midst of negotiating details to restore full diplomatic relations. The condition for which Cuba is able to join the rest of the civilized world must rest on the country’s commitment to hand over every terrorist currently being harbored, starting with Joanne Chesimard who executed New Jersey State Trooper Werner Foerster and escaped custody.”

“While President Obama gave away normalization months ago, we must force formal requests for extradition of wanted criminals and human rights demands each step of the way before additional diplomatic rights are granted. President Obama’s failure to require justice in giving away the terrorist sponsorship designation is an unacceptable offense to the family of the fallen New Jersey State Trooper and every other wanted criminal that still lives freely in Cuba today.”

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