



THE ASSEMBLY
STATE OF NEW YORK
ALBANY

October 27, 2015

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

We write to you today to enlist your support in ensuring that flights to and from Cuba are denied at Port Authority of New York and New Jersey facilities until fugitive Joanne Chesimard, the woman convicted of killing a New Jersey State Trooper, is returned to the United States and Cuba changes its extradition laws that have long protected American fugitives.

As you are aware, Joanne Chesimard, who was convicted of the 1973 murder of New Jersey State Trooper Werner Foerster, fled to Cuba after escaping from prison more than 30 years ago and remains on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted List. She is among the many fugitives who have been provided sanctuary by the Cuban government. A similar request was recently made by New Jersey Governor Chris Christie and is supported by Port Authority Chairman John Degnan. We are asking that you add your voice to their effort.

While we have expressed a different opinion than yours regarding the decision to re-open relations with Cuba and remain opposed because of the communist nation's record on human rights and supporting anti-American interests, we all should be able to agree that absolutely no travel or business between New York and Cuba should occur until this fugitive is returned to United States authorities to be brought to justice and Cuba's extradition laws are changed.

We believe that, at the very least, the resolution of issues involving run-away criminals must take priority over any further actions to normalize relations between the United States and the island nation. We hope you will join Gov. Christie to request that the Port Authority keep airline service prohibited.

As representatives of this great state, we appreciate the time taken to review this matter. We hope you will see the legitimacy of our concerns, and that you will ultimately see fit to join the call to restrict travel until rightful action is taken.

Sincerely,



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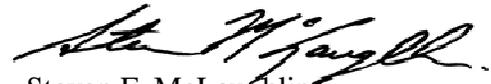
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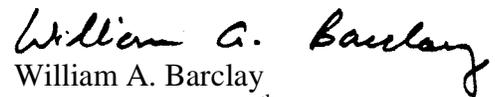
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