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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to you on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to thank you for your decision to end our country's appeasement policies with respect to the Republic of Cuba.

Over the years, the FOP has consistently opposed any normalization of relations with this communist nation until such time as that government extradites to the United States the violent criminals who are protected there by the Cuban government. Despite several communications with the previous Administration and senior members of Congress, this issue was never addressed or discussed during negotiations within our own government.

The FOP believes this is a reasonable requirement to attach to any positive change in our relationship to the Cuban government. Cuba is still harboring several American fugitives, perhaps the most notorious being Joanne Chesimard, who murdered New Jersey State Trooper Werner Foerster and severely wounded his partner Trooper James Harper in 1973. She escaped a maximum security prison in 1979 and fled to Cuba, where she now lives under the protection of the Cuban government as an example of "political repression" in the United States. In May 2013, she became the first woman to be added to the "Most Wanted Terrorists" list published by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. There is a \$2 million reward, \$1 million each from the Federal government and the State of New Jersey, for information leading to her apprehension.

In addition, Fidel and Raúl Castro granted asylum to three members of a group called the "Republic of New Africa," who murdered New Mexican State Trooper Robert Rosenbloom in 1972. One of the three has died, but at least one, Charles Hill, continues to live in comfort in Cuba.

No responsible government should harbor and protect anti-police assassins from justice. The Fraternal Order of Police believes strongly that before any "normalization" is considered, the Cuban government must return those who murdered U.S. law enforcement officers and then fled our justice system. Simply put, we ought not to reward the Cuban policy of providing a safe

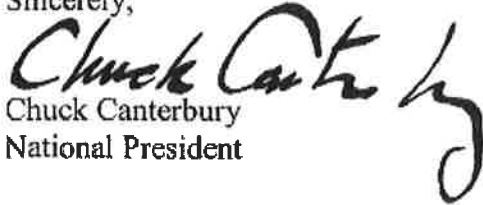
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haven for the murderers of Americans. We strongly support the changes to our relationship with the Republic of Cuba and urge you to condition the surrender of these fugitives to the U.S. justice system before any future agreements are concluded.

The FOP recognizes that relationships with other governments are sensitive and complex, which require compromise and accommodation. However, the American people and the Fraternal Order of Police do not feel that we must compromise our system of justice and the fabric of our society to foreign dictators. The blood of American law enforcement officers shed while doing their job on American soil is too high a price to pay for closer ties with the Cuban regime.

On behalf of the more than 330,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I thank you for your continued hard work and support of the rank-and-file officers and I look forward to discussing this issue with you further. If I can be of any additional help, please do not hesitate to contact me or my Senior Advisor Jim Pasco in my Washington, D.C. office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chuck Canterbury". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent "C" at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail at the end.

Chuck Canterbury
National President