

## "President Obama Extradite JoAnne Chesimard before signing relations with Cuba!"

An Open Letter to President Obama and Congress:

I am writing to strongly urge you to delay normalizing relations with Cuba unless they agree to extradite convicted cop killer JoAnne Chesimard.

As you may be aware, Chesimard, also known as Assata Shakur, was convicted of murdering New Jersey State Trooper Werner Foerster during a shoot-out on the New Jersey Turnpike in May of 1973. After being pulled over for a routine traffic stop, Chesimard and fellow members of the radical Black Liberation Army opened fire on Foerster and another State Trooper.

According to reports, Chesimard killed Foerster "execution style", shooting him in the head as he lay wounded by gunfire.

For her role in this heinous crime, Chesimard was sentenced to life in prison. However, after her conviction, Chesimard escaped from prison and fled to Cuba where she was granted political asylum and has lived ever since.

I am sure you would agree that this murderer of a dedicated law enforcement officer should be made to face the consequences for her cowardly actions that took the life of this brave man.

Further, by aiding and abetting this cold-blooded killer, Cuba has insulted our State Police and all members of the law enforcement community.

As such, for the United States to enter into normal relations with Cuba without requiring Chesimard's extradition sends the message to the world that we are not committed to pursuing justice for a police officer who was savagely gunned down in the line of duty.

Therefore, I urge you to take action to ensure that any efforts to normalize relations with Cuba are contingent upon the extradition of JoAnne Chesimard to the appropriate authorities in the United States.

Sean T. Kean  
Senator, 11th District, New Jersey and the undersigned Citizens of these United States

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