

Call President Biden to remove Cuba from the list of State Sponsors of Terrorism

In the waning days of the previous administration, the State Department added Cuba to the list of State Sponsors of Terrorism. This unfair designation has led to great suffering among the Cuban people. Banks, financial institutions and international businesses have stopped both regular trade and humanitarian assistance to Cuba.

Our partner churches and our church siblings face dreadful shortages of food, sanitation and hygiene materials, and medicines and medical supplies. Our US churches can't get much-needed aid to our Cuban partners.

At our Encuentro in Matanzas in November, Cuban church leaders asked us to make removing Cuba from the list of State Sponsors of Terrorism a top priority. In the spirit of hope and esperanza, we raise our voices for them.

Next week, on **March 15 or 16, from 11 am – 3 pm (EST)**, the Cuba Partners Network will join more than 30 religious and advocacy organizations to flood the White House switchboard with calls urging the Biden administration to reverse this unfair designation.

Participating organizations include the Presbyterian Church (USA) Office of Public Witness, the Latin American Working Group, ACERE, Massachusetts Peace Action, and the Chicago Religious Leadership Network. Many of you will probably get email alerts from several organizations!

How to Help!

On March 15 or 16, 2023,
between 11 am and 3 pm Eastern Standard Time
call the White House comment line at (202) 456-1111.

Wait for a live person if you can, or leave a message.

Here's a suggested script:

My name is _____, and I live in _____. I am calling to urge President Biden to direct the State Department to remove Cuba from the list of State Sponsors of Terrorism.

The unwarranted inclusion of Cuba on this list has added incredible hardships to the lives of the Cuban people, in direct contradiction to President Biden's stated foreign policy goals. It has contributed to shortages of food, medicine, and materials needed for public health. It has blocked aid, and frozen funds needed for religious and humanitarian activities.

[Optional—describe your experiences]

My church has a partner church in Cuba, and we have seen these hardships ourselves. It has also become increasingly impossible for us to get aid and funds to our partner church. The inclusion of Cuba on the list of State Sponsors of Terrorism limits our religious activities.

I am joining my voice with many others in calling for President Biden to remove Cuba from the State Sponsors of Terrorism list immediately.

Thank you.

If you call and can't get through, please post on the White House contact form: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/>

Finally, help our coalition track the actions of all our organizations and tell us how you did [by clicking here](#). Thanks to Massachusetts Peace Action for compiling our data!