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Attorney General Steve Marshall Sues Biden Administration to Stop Unlawful New Immigration Program

(MONTGOMERY)—Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall joined a multistate coalition suing the Biden Administration over a new Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") program that unlawfully invites hundreds of thousands of aliens into our country.

The DHS program would establish a new visa system that would allow for up to 360,000 aliens from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Venezuela to be "paroled" into the United States every year. Parole allows noncitizens to physically enter and remain in the United States even though they do not have a legal basis for being admitted.

Although Congress authorized a limited parole power for foreign aliens who meet very specific and stringent standards, the Biden Administration's new program does not meet these standards. Even worse, contrary to existing law, the program creates a pathway for program participants to apply from their home country and gain lawful status to enter and stay in the U.S. for up to two years, or even longer.

"Every state, including Alabama, has become a border state due to the disastrous and misguided immigration policies of the Biden Administration," said Attorney General Marshall. "The open borders agenda has created a humanitarian crisis that is affecting millions of Americans every day. Until our border is secured, we will continue to see increased crime in our streets and the massive influx of fentanyl and other opioids into our communities."

The administration also instituted this program without engaging in the notice and comment rulemaking process required by law. This program is another instance of the Biden Administration abusing its executive authority to further its dangerous open borders agenda at the expense of the states and their taxpayers.

Attorney General Marshall concluded, "This unlawful amnesty program will prove to be an open invitation for hundreds of thousands of migrants to continue entering into the



U.S. illegally every year and will only make the immigration crisis significantly worse, costing Alabama taxpayers millions and wreaking havoc on the criminal justice system."

To read the full lawsuit, click <u>here</u>.