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Attorney General Marshall Demands Biden Cease Unlawful Halt on Natural Gas Exports

(Montgomery) – Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall issued a <u>23-state letter to President Biden and U.S. Department of Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm urging the end of the "pause" on exports of liquefied natural gas (LNG). The illegal action by the Administration is detrimental to our economy and our national security, hindering our ability to protect ourselves from foreign adversaries.</u>

"Biden's team haphazardly halted the exports of liquefied natural gas under the guise of 'climate change,' without consideration for the unnecessary harm on our struggling economy, or the dire consequences for national security," said Attorney General Marshall.

As the letter states, "The United States is the world leader in natural gas production and became the top exporter of LNG in 2023—exporting an unprecedented 86 million metric tons. Almost 187 million Americans use natural gas, and the industry supports more than four million jobs." Yet, Biden's Administration intentionally failed to assess the significant economic impact this pause will have across the country in direct and indirect jobs all "in the name of vague climate change goals."

The letter also addresses the Biden's reckless and illegal policy on LNG does directly impact American allies who rely on it to meet their energy demands. Foreign consumers will be forced to turn to other adversarial countries – Russia, Iran, and China – who are the next largest producers.

The letter was led by the attorneys general in Kansas, Indiana, Louisiana, and West Virginia, and signed onto by the following states including Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming.

