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Attorney General Marshall Joins 18-state Coalition Brief Supporting Louisiana's Ten Commandments Law

(Montgomery, Ala) – Attorney General Steve Marshall today announced joining an 18-state coalition brief led by Kentucky in support of Louisiana's law related to Ten Commandments displays in public school classrooms. Earlier this year, Louisiana's legislature passed a bill requiring all public K-12 schools and state-funded universities to display the Ten Commandments in classrooms. The bill was signed into law by Governor Jeff Landry in June. In November, a federal district court judge blocked the law from taking effect.

Throughout the history of the United States, the Ten Commandments have held historical significance as one of the foundations of our legal system. The early legal code is even depicted in the U.S. Supreme Court and other prominent buildings in the Nation's capital.

"It is hard to understand how one could argue that a renewed emphasis on this part of our nation's heritage through the display of the Ten Commandments could be detrimental to our students," Attorney General Marshall stated. "Our friends in Louisiana have made a strong statement, pointing to our country's founding principles as we educate the next generation."

Joining the Kentucky-led complaint with Alabama were attorneys general from Arkansas, Florida, Idaho, Iowa, Indiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Ohio, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and West Virginia.

Read the brief here.

