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Attorney General Marshall Files Brief Defending President Trump's Deportation of Tren de Aragua Gang Members

(Montgomery, Ala.) – Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall joined a 27-state brief in the U.S. Supreme Court defending the Trump administration's recent actions to combat Venezuelan gang Tren de Aragua. The attorneys general are also calling for a stay of a district court's recent temporary restraining order that halts President Trump's actions to combat this violent gang, which has now been designated a foreign terrorist organization.

The brief argues that the lower court's ruling improperly restricts the executive branch's powers to protect national security. Immigration enforcement is a core executive function, and the judiciary's attempts to intervene unduly hamper the President's discretion. The attorneys general warn that allowing the lower court's decision to stand could set a dangerous precedent, weakening the federal government's ability to address immigration challenges effectively.

"This is about more than just one policy — this is about preserving the President's ability to enforce the law. If the judiciary can strip the executive branch of its power to control immigration, it won't stop there. The very foundation of our constitutional system is at risk if courts overstep their bounds and substitute their own policy preferences for the rule of law," Attorney General Steve Marshall said.

Attorney General Marshall has long been a supporter of strong immigration enforcement, recognizing its critical role in maintaining public safety and upholding the law. By joining this amicus brief, he reaffirms his commitment to ensuring that immigration policies are carried out as designed by federal law and that judicial overreach does not undermine the constitutional balance of power.

Attorney General Marshall stresses that the district court's decision undermines the President's constitutional and statutory authority. The President possesses robust authority to act against foreign threats, including transnational criminal organizations like Tren de Aragua.

Joining Alabama on the South Carolina and Viginia led brief were Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

You can read the <u>full brief here</u>.

