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**Attorney General Steve Marshall Calls Out Biden Administration Refusal to Allow
New Domestic Oil & Gas Production in Time of Crisis**

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Steve Marshall called out President Biden for his continued refusal to lift his ban on the Keystone XL pipeline and grant new oil and gas leases on public lands – both actions for which Marshall has sued the Biden administration in order to relieve struggling Americans’ gas bills. While Alabama’s price gouging law prohibits the “unconscionable pricing” of items for sale or rent *during a declared state of emergency*, it is useless against federal policies designed to punish American consumers and put the security of our allies at risk.

“Prior to President Biden’s entering office, America was a major exporter of oil and gas, yet today, we are witnessing in dramatic fashion the impact of the Biden administration’s 180-degree energy policy reversal from energy independence to dependence on foreign countries,” said Attorney General Marshall.

“Gas prices in January 2021, averaged \$2.39 a gallon nationally. Today, they are at a historic high of \$4.17 a gallon and rapidly rising. Over the last 12 months, President Biden has doubled down on his policy of limiting domestic fossil fuel production in favor of more expensive green energy. Incredibly, today, as Americans face a worldwide fuel shortage not seen in a generation – the very definition of a national energy emergency – the Biden administration continues to keep its foot squarely on the brakes of increased American energy production.

“Rather than demonstrating leadership and marshalling all of America’s energy resources to combat the effects of the ongoing world energy crisis, President Biden used his press conference today as a commercial for his costly and unproven green energy agenda, all the while he begs Saudi Arabia and communist Venezuela to bail us out by increasing their drilling.

“I sued President Biden over his illegal reversals of oil and gas drilling permits on public lands as well as his blocking of construction of the Keystone XL pipeline. The crisis in Ukraine underscores the seriousness of these efforts. My colleagues and I will not quit fighting until the Biden administration restores America’s energy independence; otherwise, our country will continue to be at the mercy of world oil supply disruptions resulting in ever higher gas prices.”

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