

Steve Marshall
Alabama Attorney General



February 7, 2022

For press inquiries only, contact:

Mike Lewis (334) 353-2199

Page 1 of 1

**Attorney General Steve Marshall Declares Victory as Supreme Court Grants
Alabama's Motion for Stay in Congressional Redistricting Cases**

Court Action Ensures Alabama Congressional Districts Remain Unchanged in 2022 Elections

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Steve Marshall declared victory Monday as the U.S. Supreme Court granted the State's motion to stay a lower court decision ordering a redraw of the Alabama's congressional district map for the 2022 election cycle.

"I'm gratified that the Supreme Court has stepped in to halt the district court's order, which would have resulted in a congressional map that would have unconstitutionally divided Alabamians based on race. As we have explained throughout this litigation, Alabama's 2021 plan is an ordinary plan that looks much like the plan approved by a federal court in 1992, the plan approved by a majority-Democratic legislature in 2001, and the plan approved by a majority-Republican legislature in 2011. Plaintiffs demand a significant overhaul to the map to create a second majority-black district, but their own experts showed that no such map could be drawn unless traditional race-neutral principles took a back seat to voters' race. Indeed, one expert used her algorithm to draw 2 million random versions of Alabama's map based on race-neutral principles and not a single one had two majority-black districts. That is why each of the plans proposed by Plaintiffs would split Mobile County for the first time ever, to join voters in Mobile with voters as far away as Phenix City based on race, all while dividing long-recognized communities centered on the Gulf Coast's unique economy and culture.

"Today, the Supreme Court ensured that such a result will not befall the State this year. We will now have the chance to further brief the case and argue it to the Supreme Court, and we're confident we will ultimately prevail."

A copy of the Supreme Court's decision Monday to grant Alabama's motion to stay the congressional redistricting order can be [read here](#).

--30--

