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## **Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall, Multistate Coalition of Attorneys General Urges President Biden to Reject Court-Packing Scheme**

(MONTGOMERY) – Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall and a multistate coalition of 20 attorneys general today wrote to President Joe Biden and congressional leaders to voice strong concerns, and opposition to, the recent steps towards packing the U.S. Supreme Court. As judicial independence is a core tenet of our judicial system and the bulwark upholding our rights and liberties, the attorneys general find that recent actions by some members of Congress and President Biden threaten the independence of our federal judicial system and the rule of law.

“We have 152 years of precedent to establish that nine members will serve on our United States Supreme Court. We’ve seen that become the most trusted branch of government to be an appropriate check on both executive and legislative powers,” said Attorney General Marshall. “Now for Democrats to be able to say, there needs to be a change without a compelling reason, is clearly just an effort by Democrats to be able to obtain additional power.”

The [letter](#) signed by the multistate coalition of attorneys general describes the serious concerns held about Congress’ intent to pack the U.S. Supreme Court. After filing a bill to do just that days after the President announced the Executive Order to create a commission to investigate court packing, it is clear that President Biden and congressional leaders are part of a coordinated effort to grab political power, jeopardizing the integrity of our system of government.

The Framers of the Constitution created an independent judiciary, due to the judicial abuses experienced under King George III and to prevent the new federal government from repeating those abuses. The last similar attempt by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt more than 80 years ago failed because of how it threatened our constitutional system. Notably, Justices Ruth B. Ginsburg and Stephen G. Breyer have recently condemned such schemes to pack the court.

The letter states, “Indeed, given the filing of the bill six days after the president announced his Executive Order regarding the Supreme Court, it is clear that the Commission on the Supreme Court is nothing but a coordinated attempt to justify a naked political power grab by the leaders of Congress and the president. We believe that such actions will seriously undermine our constitutional system, the public’s confidence in our courts, and the rule of law. We oppose passage of such a measure.”

In addition to the Attorney General Marshall, the letter is signed by the Attorneys General of Florida, Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas, Utah and West Virginia.

