



**ATTORNEY GENERAL STEVE MARSHALL TAKES ALABAMA'S LAWSUIT
CHALLENGING CENSUS COUNT OF ILLEGAL ALIENS FOR CONGRESSIONAL
APPORTIONMENT TO CAPITOL HILL**

***Marshall Tells Congressional Hearing Alabama Predicted to Lose a Congressman and Electoral
College Vote if Illegal Aliens Included in Census Apportionment Count***

(WASHINGTON) – Attorney General Steve Marshall defended Alabama’s lawsuit challenging the federal government’s plan to include illegal aliens in the 2020 Census during a hearing of the U.S. House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice Friday morning.

“Alabama is set to lose one of its seven congressional seats and one of its nine electoral votes – a seat and a vote it would not lose if illegal aliens were excluded from the apportionment base,” Attorney General Marshall told the congressional subcommittee. “Not only would this skewed result rob the State of Alabama and its legal residents of their rightful share of representation, but it plainly undermines the rule of law. If an individual’s presence in our country is in violation of federal law, why should the states in which they reside benefit from their illegal status?”

Attorney General Marshall further noted that the Census has previously included illegal aliens and that the result has been an unlawful distribution of additional U.S. House seats and electoral college votes to states with higher numbers of illegal aliens.

“The irony, of course, is that illegal aliens cannot vote; therefore, they are not the ones who gain from being included in the apportionment base. In a state in which a large share of the population cannot vote, those who do vote count more than those who live in states where a larger share of population is made up of American citizens.”

Alabama is not alone in suffering a potential loss in federal representation if the 2020 Census count includes illegal aliens. Ohio is also predicted to lose a U.S. House seat while Montana would fail to gain a seat it would have otherwise acquired.

Attorney General Marshall and U.S. Rep. Mo Brooks, R-Huntsville, filed their lawsuit on May 21, 2018, challenging the U.S. Census Bureau’s counting of illegal aliens.

Click [this link](#) to watch Attorney General Marshall’s testimony to the subcommittee (@25:00)

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