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Attorney General Marshall Defends Alabama's Agriculture Industry Against Radical Effort to Enforce Net Zero Carbon Emission Standards

(Montgomery, Ala) – Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall joined 22 other states in a letter asking for answers regarding potentially collusive attempts to impose harmful net-zero standards.

Science Based Targets (SBTi), which partners with both the United Nations and a group of anti-growth non-profit organizations, has released a Financial Institutions Net Zero Standard for its members – intending to enforce a standard of net-zero carbon emissions. That type of commitment risks hurting Americans through higher energy, food, and development costs. SBTi's members include nationwide businesses. They are targeting oil- and gas-related businesses, which also affects agriculture and any industry that requires energy.

It is illegal for companies and organizations to agree to limit output of goods or services, so Attorney General Marshall is demanding answers. States have already had success in pushing back against the radical green Climate Action 100+ and Net Zero Insurance Alliance groups accountable. If SBTi is a means for coordination among companies to squeeze important American industries into eliminating carbon dioxide production by some future date, the effort may run afoul of state and federal law.

"For years, radical activist groups have sought to pressure the financial sector into imposing their ideological agenda on hardworking, productive industries. American agriculture stands as the global gold standard for quality and efficiency, feeding not just Americans but countless others around the world. Ideological assaults, driven by a well-funded climate cabal, have been repeatedly exposed by our coalition of attorneys general. We will not stand by as they attempt to undermine American values, sabotage capitalism, and strangle our economic backbone," stated Attorney General Marshall.

The States are expressing their concern about agreements like these that may violate federal and state laws. The States are seeking information to ensure that SBTi is not itself a backdoor to unlawful conduct.

Alabama joined the Iowa-led letter, along with Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

