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## Attorney General Marshall Joins Coalition in Support of Trump's Actions Against Cartel Drug Boats

(Montgomery, Ala) – Attorney General Steve Marshall has joined a 16-state coalition in support of President Donald Trump's actions to combat the dangerous drug cartels that are invading our country. This illegal drug invasion is fueling violent crime, putting law enforcement and communities at risk, and crippling the public health system, and the attorneys general firmly believe that the President is acting within his Constitutional authority as Commander in Chief to protect the U.S. and its citizens. The attorneys general are also urging Congress to take action on this issue.

"As a nation, we are at a critical point where bold and decisive action is necessary to stop the relentless flow of illegal drugs brought in by dangerous cartels. President Trump's commitment to protecting Americans means peace through strength," stated Attorney General Marshall. "I am extremely proud of the President for taking a strong stand and targeting cartel operations. This is exactly the kind of strategic reforms our country deserves."

In a letter sent to President Trump and Secretary of War Pete Hegseth, the attorneys general note that in FY 2024, U.S. Customs and Border Protection seized nearly 22,000 lbs. of cartel-smuggled fentanyl crossing into the U.S., enough to kill the entire American population fourteen times over. In fact, the number of Americans who have died from fentanyl is now comparable to the total U.S. casualties in World War II.

Drug trafficking remains rampant in gang activity, human trafficking, and organized retail crimes, and it has significantly increased the workload for law enforcement across the nation. This influx of illegal drugs has also escalated the physical and mental health crisis, including addiction, overdose, and the spread of infectious diseases.

The attorneys general offer their continued support to the President in his efforts to protect our country and our states.

Joining Alabama in this Georgia-led brief are attorneys general from Arkansas, Florida, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, North Dakota, Ohio, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, and West Virginia.

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