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Attorney General Moody Leads Multistate Coalition Against Biden-Harris Border Gamesmanship



TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody is leading a 15-state coalition of attorneys general in filing an amicus brief in the Supreme Court of the United States in support of [intervenor states](#) that seek to prevent the Biden-Harris administration from weaponizing sue-and-settle tactics to avoid accountability for the border crisis. The Biden-Harris administration appear to have abandoned its defense of the “Circumvention of Lawful Pathways” rule, a rule that allows the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to turn away some asylum seekers, and is instead pursuing a settlement agreement with open-border organizations.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “Derelict President Biden and failed Border Czar Harris have been manipulative since day one in their plan to demolish our border. In fact, a federal judge in a Florida case even said that their actions were ‘akin to posting a flashing ‘come in, we’re open’ sign.’ I, along with my colleagues, have once again filed a brief in support of intervenor states seeking to prevent collusive settlements between this administration and like-minded, open-border activist groups that are attempting to influence border-security policy behind closed doors.”

Following the revelation of a potential settlement, the attorneys general from Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Kansas and West Virginia filed a motion to intervene. After a denial in the U.S. Court

of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, the intervenor states petitioned SCOTUS for certiorari. Now, Attorney General Moody and the coalition have filed another amicus brief in support of the motion to intervene. The brief states, "In this case, the government has signaled that it is once again playing similar games. Specifically, the government has announced 'settlement discussions' with groups politically aligned with the current Administration regarding the Circumvention of Lawful Pathways Rule. And despite the risk of a collusive settlement, the Ninth Circuit denied the States' motion to intervene to protect their distinct interest in stemming the tide of unlawful migration into this country over the southern border that the current Administration has let loose."

Attorney General Moody is joined on the brief by the attorneys general from Arkansas, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Mississippi, Nebraska, Ohio, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and Wyoming.

To read the full brief, click [here](#).

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