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The Alabama Office of the Attorney General is committed to eradicating human trafficking in our state. Though this is an ambitious goal, we are unwavering in our stance: the victimization of human beings for labor or sexual exploitation will not be tolerated in Alabama, and decisive action is required.

Human trafficking—the sale and exploitation of human beings for labor, sex, or even organs—is a \$236 billion global criminal enterprise impacting over 50 million individuals worldwide and more than one million people in the United States.

Our vision is clear: Alabama will be the safest state in the nation, with comprehensive services for those at risk and for survivors, and a relentless focus on holding buyers and traffickers accountable. Achieving this vision will require every sector of our community to work together.

To that end, the Alabama Office of the Attorney General, in partnership with Engage Together®, is launching a **statewide assessment of human trafficking risk and response.** This assessment will:

- Identify existing strengths and gaps in services,
- Clarify needs and opportunities, and
- Lay the foundation for a comprehensive, statewide plan to prevent and end human trafficking.

We need your participation in this critical effort.

- If you are working to prevent trafficking or serve victims, we need your expertise. Please complete the Program Description that will be sent to your organization.
- If you serve vulnerable or at-risk populations, we need your involvement in prevention and early intervention. Please complete the Program Description that will be sent to your organization.
- If you are a concerned citizen, we invite you to stay engaged. Phase 2 will focus on mobilizing communities, and your support will be vital.

It takes an entire community, engaging together, to expose and stop trafficking, equip those serving vulnerable populations, and ensure that every effort is identified and addressed. Together, we can make Alabama a national leader in the fight against human trafficking.

Thank you for your commitment to this important work. I look forward to partnering with you to protect Alabama's most vulnerable citizens.

Sincerely,

Steve Marshall

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