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Hon. Steve Marshall
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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Late last year, I asked you to withdraw two requests to set execution dates that were pending with the Alabama Supreme Court. I also asked you to refrain from seeking any further execution dates to allow the Department of Corrections an opportunity to conduct a “top-to-bottom” review of its execution procedures. Thank you for your assistance in this regard.

Far too many Alabama families have waited for far too long—often for decades—to obtain justice for the loss of a loved one and to obtain closure for themselves. This brief pause in executions was necessary to make sure that we can successfully deliver that justice and that closure.

Now it is time to resume our duty of carrying out lawful death sentences. Earlier today, Commissioner Hamm informed me that the Department’s review is complete and that the Department is as prepared as possible to carry out death sentences going forward, consistent with the Constitution and even knowing that death-row inmates will continue doing everything within their power to evade justice.

Whenever you deem appropriate, please ask the Supreme Court to issue an execution warrant for an eligible death row inmate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kay Ivey".

Kay Ivey
Governor