

# **Attachment A**

CERTIFICATE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL


With regard to the foregoing Amended Complaint in *United States v. Alabama, et al.*, No. 2:20-cv-1971 (N.D. Ala.), I, Merrick B. Garland, Attorney General of the United States, certify that the United States Department of Justice has complied with all subsections of 42 U.S.C. §§ 1997b(a)(1) and (a)(2). At the time the United States commenced this action, Attorney General William P. Barr personally certified “that all prerequisites to the initiation of [the] suit under of 42 U.S.C. §§ 1997a and 1997b ha[d] been met.” Compl. 24, ECF No. 1, Dec. 9, 2020.

Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1997b(a)(3), I certify my belief that this action by the United States is of general public importance and will materially further the vindication of rights, privileges, or immunities secured or protected by the Constitution.

In addition, I certify that I have the “reasonable cause to believe” set forth in 42 U.S.C. § 1997a to pursue this action.

Finally, I have personally signed the foregoing Amended Complaint pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1997a(c), and I am personally signing this certificate pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1997b(b).

Signed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021, at Washington, D.C.

  
MERRICK B. GARLAND  
Attorney General of the United States

CERTIFICATE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I, William P. Barr, Attorney General of the United States, certify that with regard to the foregoing Complaint, *United States v. Alabama*, I have complied with all subsections of 42 U.S.C. § 1997b(a)(1). I certify as well that I have complied with all subsections of 42 U.S.C. § 1997b(a)(2). I further certify, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1997b(a)(3), my belief that this action by the United States is of general public importance and will materially further the vindication of rights, privileges, or immunities secured or protected by the Constitution.

In addition, I certify that I have the “reasonable cause to believe” set forth in 42 U.S.C. § 1997a to initiate this action and that all prerequisites to the initiation of this suit under 42 U.S.C. §§ 1997a and 1997b have been met.

Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1997a(c), I have personally signed the foregoing Complaint. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1997b(b), I am personally signing this Certificate.

Signed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020, at Washington, D.C.



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WILLIAM P. BARR  
Attorney General of the United States