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## **Right on Crime Welcomes Gov. Haslam and Former United States Attorney General Alberto Gonzales as Group's Latest Signatories**

AUSTIN, TX – Right on Crime welcomes two new signatories, as former Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam and former United States Attorney General Alberto Gonzales have signed the conservative criminal justice reform organization's Statement of Principles.

During his two terms as Governor of Tennessee, Bill Haslam championed evidence-based criminal justice reforms that align with Right on Crime's philosophy, culminating in the Public Safety Act of 2016. This act retooled community supervision practices in the state, as many inmates were returning to prison for technical probation and parole violations. Additionally, Gov. Haslam spearheaded Tennessee's effort to reform its juvenile justice system, resulting in the Juvenile Justice Act of 2018, which aimed to enhance community-based services and reduce unnecessary out-of-home placement for minor offenses.

Former U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales has been a staunch advocate for a fair and just criminal justice system throughout his career, and he continues this work as he serves as Dean of Belmont Law School. He supports victims while acknowledging the need to be right on crime, rather than just tough on crime. Dean Gonzales has partnered with Right on Crime in the past, most recently moderating discussions between Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee and Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin at a criminal justice reform symposium hosted at Belmont School of Law.

Right on Crime is honored to include Gov. Haslam and Dean Gonzales as signatories. They join more than 60 prominent conservative leaders who have endorsed the principles of conservative criminal justice reform, including former U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, and former U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese.