

Lynn Fitch
ATTORNEY GENERAL

THE GENERAL INSIDER Volume 155 | November 13, 2026

Making Our Capital City Safer

On Monday, I joined U.S. Attorney General Todd Blanche and the City of Jackson to announce that Jackson was awarded more than $63 million through the U.S. Department of Justice's Model Cities Initiative (MCI), a flagship effort to reduce violent crime, restore law and order, and strengthen public safety in communities across the country.

With this significant investment, the Trump Administration is demonstrating a commitment to the people of Jackson to help reduce criminal activity, restore law and order, and positively impact the quality of life for Jacksonians. We are proud to be a partner with the City of Jackson and all our local, state, and federal allies in this effort to make Mississippi's capital city stronger, safer, and more secure. A strong Jackson means a strong Mississippi.



Standing Up for Mississippi Consumers

Today, I announced a $183.5 million multistate settlement with Acima Digital, LLC and its direct parent company, Acima Holdings, LLC. The settlement includes $43 million in restitution for consumers, a $10.5 million payment to participating states, and lease balance reductions totaling $130 million.

Many Mississippi families turn to rent-to-own companies like Acima to make large purchases such as furniture and electronics. Instead of providing financial relief, Acima placed additional financial strain on customers through deceptive practices. This

settlement returns millions of dollars to Mississippi consumers and ensures fair business practices moving forward.

Holding Traffickers Accountable

Following an investigation and prosecution by my office, Chad Owen of Purvis, Mississippi, was recently sentenced for one count of human trafficking of a minor. On November 9, Lamar County Circuit Judge Prentiss Harrell sentenced Owen to 40 years in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC), with 15 years to serve, 5 years of post-release supervision, and 20 years of unsupervised probation. He was also ordered to pay $1,000 to the Mississippi Crime Victim Compensation Fund and $1,000 to the Victims of Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation Fund. Owen will have to register as a sex offender upon release.

My office is committed to vigorously investigating human trafficking crimes, and we are equally committed to seeing these cases through in the courtroom. When we put these predators away, we help their victims take back their power from their traffickers, and that is an important foundation as they rebuild their lives.



Chad Owen

Rounding Up Robocallers

This week, I joined a bipartisan coalition with 49 other attorneys general pushing the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to make improvements to its Robocall Mitigation Database (RMD) that would help curb illegal robocalls.

Since January 1, 2026, my office has sent 363 tracebacks and 128 subpoenas, resulting in 128 robocallers being terminated. We have also made it easy to report robocalls and texts on the AGO in Action mobile app, available for free download on Apple and Android devices.

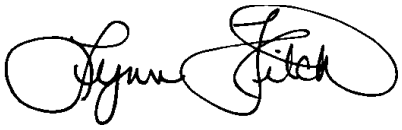
My office is aggressively fighting illegal robocalls and texts, but we need stronger federal help to stop them. These calls and texts are more than a nuisance, they are often a gateway for scams. State attorneys general need the FCC to be a strong partner to help protect consumers and put an end to these intrusive and potentially dangerous calls and texts.

Making the Internet Safer for Our Children

Last week, with a bipartisan coalition of attorneys general, I urged Congressional leadership to protect children from online harm and pass the Senate version of the *Kids Online Safety Act* (KOSA) before the end of the 119th Congress. In the letter, we call on Congress to establish stronger nationwide protections for children online and establish minimum safety standards for social media and gaming platforms while preserving states' authority to enact and enforce laws protecting children from online harms.

These social media platforms pose serious physical and mental health risks to our children. Here in Mississippi we are standing with parents and securing transformational changes to protect children online. Now, it is time for Congress to join the fight, update the rules of the game, and help protect children by passing the Kids Online Safety Act.

May God bless you,



Visit our Website

MS Attorney General's Office | 550 High Street Suite 1200 | Jackson, MS 39201 US

Unsubscribe | Update Profile | Constant Contact Data Notice

Constant Contact

Try email marketing for free today!