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Statement from Attorney General Brown Denouncing Hate-Speech Vandalism Aimed at Angela Alsobrooks Campaign Sign

BALTIMORE, MD (June 21, 2024) – In response to recent hate-speech vandalism involving one of Maryland Senate Candidate Angela Alsobrooks’ campaign signs, Attorney General Anthony G. Brown issued the following the statement:

“Maryland Senate Candidate Angela Alsobrooks was recently the victim of a hate-bias incident when one of her campaign signs was defaced with “KKK” and crosshairs in the shape of target painted on her image, threatening her with race-based violence. Let there be no doubt, I strongly condemn this cowardly act of hate.

“Hate-based violence and bias incidents should not be tolerated anywhere, and they will not be tolerated here in Maryland. A recent rise in hate incidents in our state threatens the safety and well-being of all Marylanders. I am committed to fighting this alarming trend through the Maryland Commission on Hate Crimes Response and Prevention, our new hate crimes reporting portal, and our new Civil Rights Division, all of which will enforce state and federal anti-discrimination laws.

“To combat hate, we need your help. I am encouraging all Marylanders, and those visiting our great state, to report any hate speech or violence to local law enforcement, and then to our office through the Hate Crimes and Hate Bias Incidents Online Portal and Reporting Form at nohomeforhate.md.gov/. These crimes have been underreported for far too long, but, with your help, this new portal, which also contains a number of resources, will help our office understand the scope of the problem and determine how best to address it. We can only end hate by lifting the veil of silence on this issue.

“You will hear me say it whenever it needs to be said: There is no home for hate in Maryland.”

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