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STATEMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL LUTHER STRANGE Regarding Federal Court Ruling in Immigration Cases

U.S. District Judge Sharon Blackburn today issued preliminary rulings in litigation challenging Alabama's immigration law. Attorney General Luther Strange issued the following statement:

"Today's rulings are a victory for Alabama. Clearly, the Court decided this difficult case on the basis of a thoughtful and thorough analysis. Illegal immigration is a severe problem facing Alabama and other states across our nation, and it has been addressed by state legislatures in various ways. Rejecting the unduly restrictive approach taken by other courts around the country, the Court today vindicated Alabama's right to take action to address this issue in the manner its people, through their elected representatives, see fit.

We respectfully disagree with those parts of the orders that have enjoined portions of the law. We have the right to take an immediate appeal of those parts of the orders or we could wait to appeal until the Court has made a final decision. We are currently weighing our options."

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