



AG LAUDS RULING THAT COULD CRIPPLE OBAMACARE

(MONTGOMERY) –Attorney General Luther Strange lauded a ruling today by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia that eliminates the federal government’s ability to provide subsidies on federal insurance exchanges under Obamacare.

The State of Alabama joined an amicus brief to the court arguing that the law allowed the IRS to distribute subsidies only for insurance purchased on state exchanges, not federal exchanges. Many states, including Alabama, did not set up state exchanges. If the court of appeals ruling stands, it means that Obamacare’s exchange-based subsidies, taxes, and penalties will not be enforceable in states that did not set up a state exchange.

“I am proud to have joined my fellow Republican Attorneys General in filing a brief in support of this result,” said Attorney General Strange. “This lawsuit has the potential to cripple Obamacare and free millions of Americans from the individual mandate. The court’s decision was also a stinging rebuke to the Obama Administration for making up the law as it goes along, instead of following the law as it was passed by Congress.”

The amicus brief was filed in the case of Halbig v. Sebelius and was joined by the States of Alabama, Oklahoma, Georgia, West Virginia, Nebraska and South Carolina.

