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**ATTORNEY GENERAL STRANGE ANNOUNCES ALABAMA JOINS BRIEF
DEFENDING FEDERAL COURT ORDER HALTING EXECUTIVE AMNESTY**

(MONTGOMERY) - Attorney General Luther Strange announced that Alabama has joined a brief filed today defending a Texas federal district court order halting implementation of President Obama's illegal executive amnesty.

"Over five months ago, the Obama administration issued an illegal executive order to unilaterally suspend immigration laws affecting millions of undocumented immigrants in the United States," said Attorney General Strange. "The only reason this unlawful action has been halted is because Texas and 25 other states, including Alabama, challenged the Obama administration in court where a Texas federal district judge issued a preliminary injunction on February 16, 2015, barring this illegal executive amnesty from being implemented."

"To no one's surprise, the Obama administration has appealed the preliminary injunction to the U.S. Fifth Judicial Circuit in an attempt to override the will of a majority of the states, including Alabama. Today, Alabama joined a brief filed by Texas defending the federal court hold on executive amnesty."

Alabama and the 25 other states support the federal court determination that the administration's executive amnesty order goes beyond a routine enforcement decision because its impact has significant legal consequences, such as granting aliens "lawful presence" in the United States and "creating eligibility for numerous benefits - including Social Security, Medicare, and the Earned Income Tax Credit."

The case now proceeds to the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals where oral arguments are expected to commence in early June.

Joining Texas in the lawsuit challenging the Obama administration's executive amnesty are Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

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