



May 26, 2015

For More Information, contact:

Mike Lewis (334) 353-2199

Joy Patterson (334) 242-7491

Page 1 of 1

**ALABAMA ATTORNEY GENERAL LUTHER STRANGE WELCOMES FEDERAL  
APPEALS COURT DECISION UPHOLDING BARRIER TO OBAMA  
ADMINISTRATION EXECUTIVE AMNESTY**

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Luther Strange welcomed a federal appeals court decision Tuesday not to lift a hold on President Obama’s controversial executive amnesty program, preventing the administration from pursuing its goal of granting benefits to millions of undocumented aliens without the consent of Congress.

“America is a country founded upon the rule of law and no man has the authority to usurp the law, not even a president who is determined to bend the law to suit his political agenda,” Attorney General Strange said. “This ruling sends a strong signal that the administration’s days of running roughshod over the Constitution may be limited.”

Today, a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit denied the administration’s motion to stay a February 16, 2015, lower court ruling that placed executive amnesty on hold pending the resolution of a 26-state lawsuit against the Obama administration.

In December, Texas and 25 other states, including Alabama, launched a federal court challenge of the Obama administration’s executive amnesty order. The states maintain 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 Fifth Circuit held that the Administration cannot “grant class-wide lawful presence and eligibility for accompanying benefits.”

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.

##

