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**ATTORNEY GENERAL STRANGE STATEMENT ON U.S. SUPREME COURT
RULING IN MICHIGAN v EPA**

(MONTGOMERY) – Alabama Attorney General Luther Strange said the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in favor of Michigan is a significant victory in curbing the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) unlawful regulatory overreach at the expense of business and consumers.

“Alabama and 21 other states joined Michigan in the successful lawsuit challenging the EPA’s interpretation of the Clean Air Act in which the agency ignored its legal obligation to consider costs of new power plant regulations as well as the impact upon health and the environment,” said Attorney General Strange.

“The EPA chose to impose costly new regulations on electric utility emissions without considering the financial impact upon both the plant operators and the consumers. In this case, the EPA’s projected cost for a new mercury emission regulation would outweigh the benefit by a factor of 2 to 1.

“The EPA claims they don’t have to consider cost in power plant regulations under the Clean Air Act. However, the law requires both a study to evaluate health risks and a separate consideration of whether the regulation would be ‘appropriate and necessary.’

“Today’s decision deals a major setback to the EPA’s overreach agenda and should send a signal to the agency that it cannot continue to end run the law in pursuit of a radical political agenda.”

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