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**ATTORNEY GENERAL STRANGE VOWS CONTINUED FIGHT TO BLOCK OBAMA  
ADMINISTRATION'S ILLEGAL AND ARBITRARY  
WAR ON AFFORDABLE ENERGY**

(MONTGOMERY) – Alabama Attorney General Luther Strange renewed his commitment to take the Obama administration to court over its illegal and arbitrary plans to force power plants to greatly reduce carbon emissions at the expense of American jobs and the economy.

“After years of propaganda efforts aimed at convincing Americans that they must sacrifice lower energy bills and jobs in order to meet arbitrary carbon emission goals, the Obama administration has finally unveiled its new energy mandate,” said Attorney General Strange.

“The Environmental Protection Agency’s new Clean Power Plan continues the Obama administration’s theme of ignoring the legal limits on its executive authority in order to satisfy a political agenda that places the lowest priority on the rights of coal industry workers and American consumers.

“Under the EPA rule, Alabamians’ average annual household energy bills could rise by more than \$800 a year by the time the plan is fully implemented. This places an undue burden on those who can least afford it, including the poor, the elderly and others on fixed incomes. What’s more, it punishes as many as 16,000 Alabamians whose jobs are dependent upon the coal industry.

“As Attorney General, I testified before Congress in opposition to the illegal EPA rule and I have joined with other states in opposing the Obama administration’s unwarranted anti-coal policy in federal court.

“The same administration that once complained that people don’t pay enough for gasoline is now forcing Americans to endure higher energy costs and further blows to our economy. It’s time for common sense to prevail.”

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