



**ATTORNEY GENERAL LUTHER STRANGE WELCOMES FEDERAL JUDGE DECISION DELAYING EXECUTIVE AMNESTY ORDER**

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Luther Strange welcomed a decision by a Texas federal judge to delay implementation of President Obama’s executive order and the Department of Homeland Security directive that effectively grants amnesty to millions of undocumented immigrants in the United States.

“Today’s ruling by U.S. District Judge Andrew Hanen of Texas underscores that America was founded upon the rule of law and President Obama is bound to abide by the constitutional limits of his authority,” Attorney General Strange said. “The president’s November 20, 2014, amnesty order was illegal and should be halted.”

On December 3, 2014, Alabama joined a federal lawsuit, Texas v. U.S., challenging the constitutionality of President Obama’s executive amnesty order which usurps the will of Congress. A majority of states have since joined the lawsuit. The multi-state lawsuit makes clear the issue is not about immigration, but rather the rule of law, presidential power, and the enforcement of the U.S. Constitution. By his own action and contrary to laws passed by Congress, the President “issued a directive that legalizes the presence of approximately 40% of the known undocumented immigrant population, and affords them legal rights and benefits...That unilateral suspension of the Nation’s immigration laws is unlawful,” the lawsuit asserts.

Joining Texas in the lawsuit 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.

