



**ATTORNEY GENERAL STRANGE STATEMENT ON U.S. SUPREME COURT  
RULING IN FAVOR OF OKLAHOMA'S LETHAL INJECTION DRUGS**

(MONTGOMERY) – Alabama Attorney General Luther Strange welcomed the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Glossip v Gross*, ruling in favor of Oklahoma's lethal injection drug protocol. The decision is expected to clear the way for Alabama and other states to resume executions using lethal injections.

"Opponents of lethal injections have repeatedly used court challenges of certain lethal injection drugs as ways to delay or avoid lawful executions," Attorney General Strange said. "The U.S. Supreme Court confirmed our belief that executions using these lethal injection drugs are not cruel and unusual punishment, and therefore are not prohibited under the Eighth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution."

Alabama wrote an amicus brief joined by 12 other states in support of Oklahoma's right to use a three-drug lethal injection protocol. States, including Alabama, have adopted the three-drug protocol because of their inability to acquire other suitable drugs.

"The U.S. Supreme Court has spoken on the constitutionality of states' use of lethal injections and death penalty opponents cannot continue to indefinitely delay lawful executions."

The states joining Alabama in the amicus brief were Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and Wyoming.

