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## AG LUTHER STRANGE LEADS ACTION PRAISED BY WALL STREET JOURNAL IN MONDAY EDITORIAL

(MONTGOMERY) – In an editorial published today, the Wall Street Journal lauded a letter by Alabama Attorney General Luther Strange and joined by 12 other state Attorneys General calling upon their colleagues to resist abusing their subpoena powers to target energy companies for their views in the climate change debate. Attorney General Strange led the Attorneys General in questioning their colleagues about misuse of fraud allegations, noting that if one company’s minimization of climate change might be fraud, so may another company’s exaggeration of it. The Wall Street Journal agreed that those using their subpoena power in this manner should heed the message of Attorney General Strange and the other 12 Attorneys General in their letter.

The editorial may be found at this link--<http://www.wsj.com/articles/two-can-play-at-climate-fraud-1466373891> – with excerpts below:

### **Two Can Play at Climate ‘Fraud’**

*If Exxon can be sued, why can’t Al Gore for exaggerations that help his investments?*

**June 20, 2016, Editorial of the Wall Street Journal**

Eric Schneiderman and Sheldon Whitehouse, call your office. The New York Attorney General and Rhode Island Senator who helped to launch the prosecution of dissent on climate change may not like where their project is headed. Thirteen state Attorneys General have sent a letter pointing out that if minimizing the risks of climate change can be prosecuted as “fraud,” then so can statements overstating the dangers of climate change.

That’s the news contained in a letter that the Republican AGs of Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Nebraska, Nevada, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas, Utah and Wisconsin dispatched to Mr. Schneiderman and other AGs on June 15.

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The letter from the 13 Republican AGs asks, “Should these statements justify an investigation into all contributions to environmental non-profits by Kleiner Perkins’s partners?” They quickly add that they want to undertake no such action. But they deserve credit for pointing out the political Pandora’s box that left-wing AGs have opened by “policing viewpoints” on climate change.

We don’t think anyone should be prosecuted for engaging in political debate, but progressives have shown (see independent counsels) that they’ll cease their abuses only when the same methods are used against them.

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