



**FEDERAL COURT SIDES WITH ALABAMA AND COALITION OF STATES  
AGAINST OBAMA ADMINISTRATION LABOR RULE TARGETING SMALL  
BUSINESS**

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Luther Strange welcomed a federal district court ruling Monday blocking a proposed Obama administration rule that would target small business’s right to confidential conversations with counsel. The federal court for the Northern District of Texas imposed a national preliminary injunction against the U.S. Labor Department’s Persuader Advice Exemption Rule.

“Once again the Obama administration has been prevented from crossing the line into illegal activity,” said Attorney General Strange. “The right of small business and frankly anyone to have confidential conversations with an attorney is a basic right that cannot be infringed. Today’s ruling sends a clear message to Obama bureaucrats that they cannot change the law to intimidate Americans.”

On February 5, 2016, Alabama led a coalition of 13 states opposing the Obama administration’s proposed Persuader Rule that would force small businesses to disclose communications with outside counsel in labor relations matters. On March 10, 2016, Alabama was also one of ten states that joined in a federal lawsuit opposing the rule.

“Today’s successful ruling is but the latest in a string of victories for America’s conservative attorneys general against the overreach of the Obama administration,” added Attorney General Strange. “Last week, our coalition of conservative AG’s prevailed in the U.S. Supreme Court against President Obama’s unconstitutional executive amnesty plan. This followed AG victories against Obama administration efforts to impose costly and controversial new EPA rules on coal-fired power plants and expand federal regulatory reach into Americans’ backyard ponds.”

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