



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

DANIEL J FOREST LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

December 4, 2014

The Honorable Roy Cooper  
Attorney General of North Carolina  
NC Department of Justice  
9001 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699

Dear Attorney General Cooper,

On Wednesday, Governor McCrory, along with three other governors and 14 attorneys general joined together to legally challenge the unprecedented and unconstitutional executive actions that President Barack Obama has taken on immigration. I applaud Governor McCrory for his action and I encourage you to join the other 14 attorneys general and make the State of North Carolina a party to this action to ensure that the interests of our people are represented.

President Obama has the obligation to see that the laws are faithfully executed. He has clearly violated this obligation by using executive orders to ignore and even rewrite immigration laws--a power specifically given to Congress by the people. Further, President Obama failed to follow the proper procedure that would have let state officials inform his administration of the impact of his actions. Ultimately, our local and state governments—and the taxpayers who support them—will bear the additional burden of further increased costs of government, such as medical services and education. While thousands of North Carolina's citizens are unemployed and seeking a job, the President's plan will provide illegal immigrants with the work permits they need to compete against struggling North Carolina families.

You have the authority to stand up for the people by joining this suit on behalf of North Carolina. To fail to do so would acquiesce to a constitutional violation that has the potential to harm all North Carolinians. I encourage you to join this suit immediately.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel J. Forest".

Daniel J. Forest  
Lieutenant Governor  
North Carolina