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Dear Governor Haley,

As your constituent and a member of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), the nation's oldest and largest Latino civil rights organization, I write to express my strong disappointment with the fact that our state has filed a lawsuit to stop President Obama from helping Latino immigrants in our community. I urge you to immediately cease any state intervention or involvement in any litigation regarding the latest immigration administrative actions. Lawsuits on this matter are not only a waste of already limited taxpayer resources, but also paint our state as anti-immigrant and anti-family.

President Obama has taken bold action to enact critical, fair, and necessary changes to our broken immigration system. His administrative actions are temporary and will allow limited federal law enforcement dollars to be spent on high priority deportation targets — people with criminal records, and other offenders. Furthermore, his actions will allow hardworking immigrants in our community, like those who grow our food, clean our houses, and take care of our kids, an opportunity to get right with the law, without fear of getting deported and or tearing their families apart. Lastly, there is an economic benefit as a direct result of President Obama's administrative action. States will realize an increase in tax revenues, some in excess of \$100 million dollars.

The people of our state as well as a majority of Americans support the President's administrative action. In fact, according to recent polling, over 89 percent of Latino voters approve of the President's actions, and over 60 percent of the general American public support President Obama's immigration reforms. Rather than filing lawsuits, our governor should support the will of the American people by supporting immigration reform.

On behalf of the 135,000 members of the League of United Latin American Citizens, I urge you to cease any involvement or cooperation with any anti-immigrant litigation aimed at derailing President Obama's ability to help the Latino immigrant community.

Sincerely,
Phillip McLaurin