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From: Adam Piper [mailto:apiper@scag.gov]
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Rob -
Thanks for your time on the phone this morning.

South Carolina is joining Nebraska on a filing in the 8th Circuit today that will include 10 states and bring the total number nationally to 24 states. The brief is focused on federalism and overreach.

Here is the likely quote we will give if asked.

"President Obama cannot force this unconstitutional mandate on South Carolina schools by allowing Washington bureaucrats to re-write federal law. By threatening to withhold hundreds of millions of dollars in education funding from our schools, this administration is once again displaying a complete lack of respect for the 10th Amendment, the rule of law and a total disregard for the wellbeing of our children. This cannot be tolerated."

"Additionally, federal and state laws are not needed as local school districts are more than capable of handling this matter in an appropriate and nondiscriminatory way."

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