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House Judiciary Committee to Hold Hearing on Unconstitutionality of President Obama's Executive Overreach on Immigration

Washington, D.C. – On Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., the House Judiciary Committee will hold a [hearing](#) on the unconstitutionality of President Obama's executive overreach on immigration. Although President Obama has stated [over 20 times](#) that he does not have the constitutional authority to change our immigration laws unilaterally, in November 2014 he proclaimed that he would unilaterally allow four million unlawful immigrants to stay and work in the United States without a vote of Congress. Twenty-six states have filed a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of President Obama's unilateral actions and a federal judge has temporarily [blocked](#) President Obama's executive action on immigration.

At Wednesday's hearing, the House Judiciary Committee will hear from the following witnesses on the President's unilateral, unconstitutional actions:

- The Honorable Adam Laxalt, Attorney General of Nevada
- Mr. Josh Blackman, Assistant Professor of Law, South Texas College of Law
- Ms. Elizabeth Price Foley, Professor, Florida International University College of Law
- Mr. Steve Legomsky, Professor, Washington University Law School

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.) issued the statement below in advance of this hearing.

Chairman Goodlatte: “All three branches of government have weighed in against President Obama's unilateral actions to rewrite our immigration laws are unconstitutional. The House of Representatives has voted to defund the President's actions, a federal judge has temporarily blocked the President's executive overreach, and President Obama himself stated 22 times that he does not have the authority to change our immigration laws, even though he decided to do it anyway.

“The President's decision to recklessly forge ahead with a plan to change our immigration laws on his own ignores the will of the American people and flouts the Constitution. These actions create an untold number of consequences; most significantly, they tilt the separation of powers in the President's favor and imperil individual liberty. At next week's hearing, members of the House Judiciary Committee will examine the constitutional questions surrounding President Obama's unilateral actions and will hear from several legal scholars on this unprecedented power grab.”

This hearing will take place in 2141 Rayburn House Office Building and will be webcast live at [judiciary.house.gov](#). Camera crews wishing to cover must be congressionally credentialed and RSVP with the House Radio-TV Gallery at (202) 225-5214.