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Ks Part of Coalition Suing Over Immigration Order

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - Kansas is part of a 17-state coalition suing over President Barack Obama's recently announced executive actions on immigration. The states argue in a lawsuit filed Wednesday that the move "tramples" key portions of the U.S. Constitution.

Many top Republicans have denounced Obama's unilateral move, which was designed to spare as many as 5 million people living illegally in the United States from deportation.

But Texas Gov.-elect Greg Abbott took it a step further. He filed a formal legal challenge in federal court in the Southern District of Texas.

Most of the 16 other states are in the South and Midwest

The states aren't seeking monetary damages. They want the courts to block Obama's actions.

Abbott says Obama's actions "directly violate a fundamental promise to the American people" and that it was up to the president to "execute the law, not de facto make law."

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