

I wanted to follow up on my [previous e-update](#) regarding the Supreme Court's review of Arizona's immigration law. This week, the court heard oral arguments on the Obama administration's case against the immigration law. While it's difficult to predict a final decision, several of the justices expressed strong skepticism with the reasoning behind the government's lawsuit. The core question is whether states can help enforce federal immigration laws. The Obama administration is arguing that state police officers would be violating federal authority over immigration if they check the status of someone they lawfully stop. Arizona argues that police officers would only be assisting with the enforcement, noting that the law explicitly leaves the decision to detain or deport illegal immigrants with federal law enforcement. I believe there is clear evidence in federal law that recognizes and empowers states to assist with immigration enforcement, and I hope that the Supreme Court will recognize this when they make their ruling in the next few months.