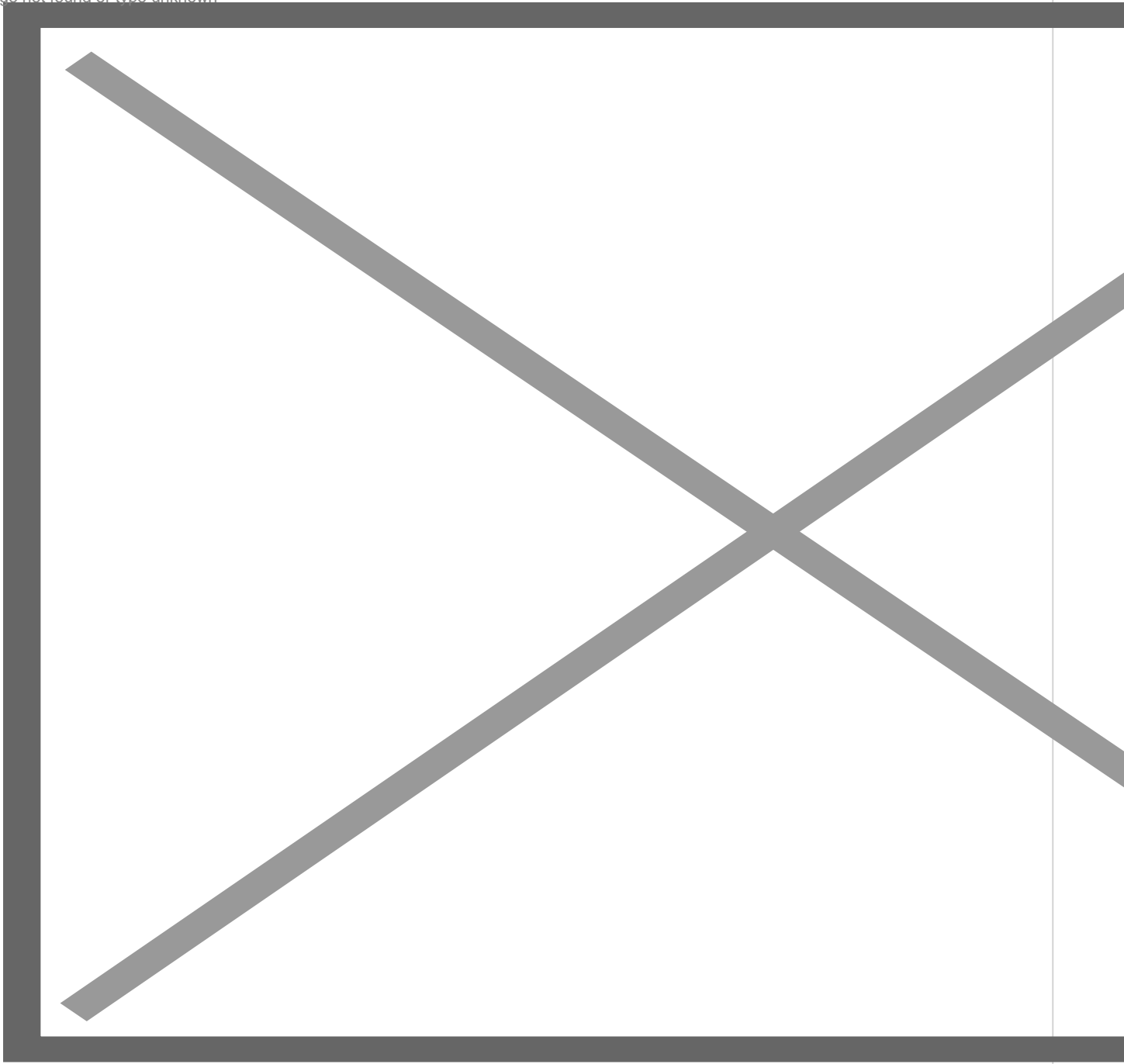


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Austin, December 15 (RHC)-- The head of the Republican Party in the U.S. state of Texas has suggested the establishment of a "Union of states that will abide by the constitution" following the Supreme Court's rejection of the state's bid to annul voting results in four states that Democrat Joe Biden won in the presidential race.

Texas GOP Chairman Allen West said that the Supreme Court's ruling had established "a precedent that says states can violate the U.S. Constitution and not be held accountable." The development came after the top court ruled against an attempt to throw out election results in four battleground states earlier on Friday, delivering a blow to the legal campaign waged by the outgoing President Donald Trump and his allies to overturn Biden's projected election win.

"Texas has not demonstrated a judicially cognizable interest in the manner in which another state conducts its elections," the court declared. The ruling was a repudiation to Trump, as well as the 18 Republican state attorneys general and 126 House Republicans who had backed the Texas lawsuit, which was widely described as the most coordinated effort to overturn an election in recent American history.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton had filed the lawsuit at the Supreme Court on Tuesday, asking the justices to invalidate the voting results in the four states over their expanded use of mail-in voting during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Meanwhile, Trump blasted his country's top judicial authority late Friday, saying the Supreme Court lacked the "wisdom" and "courage" it required to make sound judgment on the disputed presidential poll. "It's a "legal disgrace, an embarrassment to the USA!!!" he angrily stated in a Twitter post, adding that the Court had "really let us down," and has "no wisdom, no courage!"

Biden defeated Trump in the four battleground states in the November presidential election. The Republican president had won all four of them in 2016. Local, state and national election officials have declared the vote "the most secure" in American history but the Trump campaign claimed widespread fraud had occurred across the country.

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