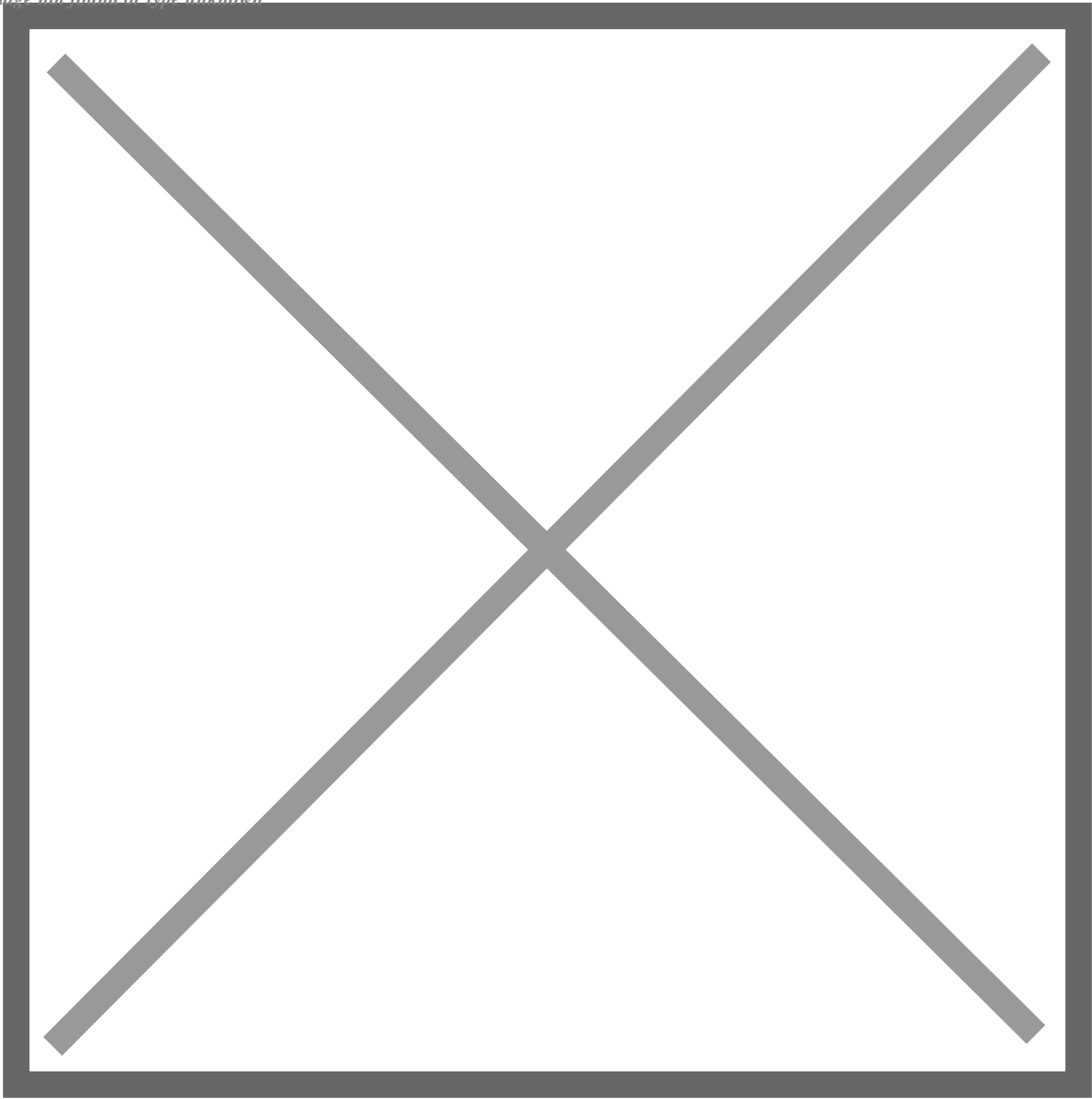


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Havana, Nov. 9 (RHC) Some 500,000 undocumented spouses of U.S. citizens see the possibility of legalizing their status in jeopardy today, after a U.S. district judge annulled a program of the Joe Biden administration.

U.S. District Court Judge J. Campbell Barker, who was appointed by President-elect Donald Trump during his first term, struck down the program that would have allowed immigrants with irregular immigration status who were married to U.S. citizens to obtain a streamlined path to U.S. citizenship.

Barker declared the policy illegal, which is considered a major defeat for the outgoing Biden administration, which had pushed the "parole in place" program since last June to grant legal status to some immigrant spouses of U.S. citizens.

On September 13, a panel of judges from the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ordered a federal court in Texas to administratively stay all proceedings related to the project, which had been temporarily halted by order of that federal judge in August.

In late August, Campbell Barker temporarily halted the program in response to a lawsuit filed by a coalition of Republican-governed states led by Texas.

The petition alleged that "parole in place" is illegal because it grants immigration benefits without congressional authorization to aliens who have not been lawfully admitted to the United States. The measure would also affect approximately 50,000 undocumented stepchildren of citizens.

The president-elect has promised to enact changes in immigration, energy and foreign policy during his first 100 days in office.

These are the indications of the Republican who won the presidential elections on November 5 after a turbulent campaign that culminated in his surprising political comeback. (Prensa Latina)

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