

U.S. Supreme Court to decide whether Trump can shut down asylum at the border: what it means for Cubans.

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The U.S. Supreme Court agreed on Friday, November 13, to decide whether President Donald Trump can shut off access to asylum at the border with Mexico. The justices will review the proclamation with which Trump, on his first day back in the White House, declared an Â«invasionÂ» at the southern border and suspended asylum claims from people crossing outside official ports of entry.

Two lower courts had already ruled the measure unlawful: a federal judge in Washington struck it down in July 2025, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia upheld that ruling in April 2026, finding the president exceeded his authority. The administration then turned to the Supreme Court, which took up the case, known as Mullin v. RAICES (No. 26-239).

Until the Court rules, nothing changes at the border: the asylum shutdown remains in effect, and people arriving at the southern border cannot seek that protection. Arguments are expected in spring 2027, with a ruling before the end of June that year. For Cubans, the decision will be decisive: it will settle whether a president can close by decree a path to protection that Congress guaranteed by law.

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