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UNIDENTIFIED JOURNALIST #1: The U.S. Supreme Court voted to temporarily extend Title 42.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Migrant Decision Delay; Supreme Court Keeps Title 42 in Place, Will Hear Arguments]

ADRIANA DIAZ: Now to the border crisis and an important decision by the Supreme Court. The justices have decided for now to keep in place a controversial policy that allows border officials to quickly expel many migrants seeking asylum. The White House wants to end that pandemic-era policy. Scott McFarlane is outside of the Supreme Court. Scott, good morning.

SCOTT MACFARLANE: Adriana, good morning to you. The high court says this Title 42 program implemented by former President Trump must stay in place at least for at least a few more weeks because they'll hear formal arguments on it in February. Under Title 42, the U.S. has expelled two million migrants under a program that began at the outset of the pandemic back in March of 2020. Republican governors from southern border states have fought to keep this policy in place and five of the six conservative justices on the Supreme Court, at least for now, have sided with them, though conservative justice Neil Gorsuch sided with the three liberal justices, going the other way, opposing the extension, saying the current border crisis is not a COVID crisis. In a statement, the White House said "Title 42 is a public health measure, not an immigration enforcement measure and it should not be extended indefinitely." The court's decision comes during a state of emergency is happening in El Paso, Texas where the number of migrants has dramatically increased as the temperatures have dramatically decreased. The Biden administration has acknowledged the eventual end of Title 42 will likely lead to another surge of migrants, but they say the best way to deal with that is for Congress to pass comprehensive immigration reform. Vlad?

DUTHIERS: Alright, to be continued. Scott McFarlane for us. Thank you, Scott.