

White House asks supreme court to allow cutting of Texas's border fencing

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The Biden administration has asked the US supreme court to allow border patrol agents to cut through razor-wire fencing that Texas placed along the US-Mexico border.

In an emergency appeal by the justice department, the solicitor general said that fencing installed by Texas's Republican governor had actually prevented border agents from detaining migrants at the border, and said federal law allows the government to remove it.

Concertina wire fencing was installed on private property along the Rio Grande by the Texas national guard, as part of the state's contentious efforts to target undocumented immigrants. Greg Abbott, the Republican Texas governor, has made harsh border policies a hallmark of his administration, and has also sent tens of thousands of migrants by bus to Democrat-run cities.

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