

Obama's power over immigration drives Supreme Court dispute

By Mark Sherman
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The raging political fight over immigration comes to the Supreme Court April 18 in a dispute that could affect millions of people who are in the United States illegally.

The court is weighing the fate of Obama administration programs that could shield roughly 4 million people from deportation and grant them the legal right to hold a job.

Among them is Teresa Garcia of suburban Seattle, who has spent 14 years in the United States illegally after staying beyond the expiration of her tourist visa in 2002.

She's already gotten much of what she wanted when she chose not to return to her native Mexico. Her two sons are benefitting from an earlier effort that applies to people who were brought here illegally as children. Garcia's 11-year-old daughter is an American citizen.

"That's why I come, for the opportunity for the children and because it is much safer here," the 45-year-old Garcia said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Now, she would like the same for herself and her husband, a trained accountant who works construction jobs. Neither can work legally.

"To have a Social Security number, that means for me to have a better future. When I say better future, we are struggling with the little amount of money my husband is getting for the whole family. It makes for stress every day. We struggle to pay for everything," Garcia said.

The programs announced by President Barack Obama in November 2014 would apply to parents whose children are citizens or are living in the country legally. Eligibility also would be expanded for the president's 2012 effort that helped Garcia's sons. More than 700,000 people have taken advantage of that earlier program, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). The new program for parents and the expanded program for children could reach as many as 4 million people, according to the nonpartisan Migration Policy Institute.

Texas and 25 other states sued to block the new initiatives soon after they were announced, and lower courts have ruled in their favor. The programs have never taken effect.

The states, joined by congressional Republicans,

argue that Obama doesn't have the power to effectively change immigration law. When he announced the measures 17 months ago, Obama said he was acting under his own authority because congress had failed to overhaul the immigration system. The Senate had passed legislation on a bipartisan vote, but House Republicans refused to put the matter to a vote.

"Fundamentally, we don't think the president has the statutory or constitutional authority to issue these executive actions," said Texas attorney general Ken Paxton.

House Republicans told the court that Obama is claiming the power "to decree that millions of



individuals may live, work, and receive benefits in this country even though federal statutes plainly prohibit them from doing so."

The administration and

immigration advocates say the immigration orders are neither unprecedented nor even unusual. Rather, they say, Obama's programs build on past efforts by Democratic and Republi-

SUPREME COURT HEARINGS. Teresa Garcia, right, helps her daughter, Alondra Miranda, age 11, get ready for school at their home in Federal Way, Washington, south of Seattle. Garcia, who has spent 14 years in the United States illegally after staying beyond the expiration of her tourist visa in 2002, is one of millions who could be affected when the political fight over immigration comes to the U.S. Supreme Court and the court weighs the fate of Obama administration programs that could shield roughly 4 million people from deportation and grant them the legal right to hold a job. (AP Photo/Ted S. Warren)

can administrations to use discretion in deciding whom to deport.

The court's last major immigration decision, the 2012 case *Arizona v. U.S.*, lends some support to this view.

"A principal feature of the removal system is the broad discretion exercised by immigration officials. Federal officials, as an initial matter, must decide whether it makes sense to pursue removal at all," wrote Justice Anthony

Kennedy. "Discretion in the enforcement of immigration law embraces immediate human concerns. Unauthorized workers trying to support their families, for example, likely pose less danger than alien smugglers or aliens who commit a serious crime."

The administration and its supporters said the challenged programs do not offer blanket protection, but depend on case-

Continued on page 9

YOUR LOCAL AUTHORIZED DIRECTV DEALER

Turn your waiting room into an "I-don't-mind-waiting" room.

93% of business viewing subscribers agree that adding DIRECTV to their business has been a good decision!

Don't wait. Pick your package now!

<p>SAVE \$450 in the first yr.</p> <p>\$19.99* MO. FOR 12 MONTHS</p> <p>BUSINESS SELECT™ PACK</p> <p>A WEALTH OF NEWS AND INFORMATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ OVER 90 Digital Channels ✓ HD Included at No Extra Cost ✓ Up to 4 FREE HD Receivers ✓ Local Channels Included in over 99% of the U.S.² ✓ 3 Months of SonicTap® Music Channels included at no extra cost <p>INCLUDING</p>	<p>SAVE \$450 in the first yr.</p> <p>\$39.99* MO. FOR 12 MONTHS</p> <p>BUSINESS ENTERTAINMENT™ PACK</p> <p>TOP NEWS, ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ OVER 90 Digital Channels ✓ HD Included at No Extra Cost ✓ Up to 4 FREE HD Receivers ✓ Local Channels Included in over 99% of the U.S.² ✓ 3 Months of SonicTap® Music Channels included at no extra cost <p>INCLUDING</p>	<p>SAVE \$570 in the first yr.</p> <p>\$49.99* MO. FOR 12 MONTHS</p> <p>BUSINESS XTRA PACK</p> <p>DIRECTV'S BEST NEWS, SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ OVER 140 Digital Channels ✓ HD Included at No Extra Cost ✓ Up to 4 FREE HD Receivers ✓ Local Channels Included in over 99% of the U.S.² ✓ Regional Sports Networks³ ✓ 3 Months of SonicTap® Music Channels included at no extra cost <p>2016 NFL SUNDAY TICKET included at no extra cost</p> <p>INCLUDING</p>
--	---	--

24-month programming agreement required. Requires Auto Bill Pay enrollment at point of sale. Offers end 5/11/16; on approved credit. New commercial customers only. Credit card required (except MA & PA). Prorated ECF fee (up to \$480) applies. Additional receiver fees apply. Pricing based on Estimated Viewing Occupancy (EVO) for select packages.

Put DIRECTV to work for your business. CALL NOW!

Salamat Satellite

888-433-7331

Your Local Authorized DIRECTV Dealer

¹ Based on a December 2015 national survey of business subscribers who expressed an opinion. ² Local channels eligibility based on service address. Not all networks available in all markets. ³ Blackout restrictions and other conditions apply to all sports programming. Actual number of games varies by market due to blackout rules and other conditions. **PACKAGE OFFERS:** Base package prices include bill credit for 12 months. In certain markets, a Regional Sports fee of up to \$7.99/mo. will be assessed with BUSINESS XTRA PACK. Customer must, at point of sale, activate and maintain a qualifying programming package and Auto Bill Pay. After 12 mos., then-prevailing rate for base package applies (currently: \$57.99/mo. for BUSINESS SELECT PACK; \$77.99/mo. for BUSINESS ENTERTAINMENT PACK, and \$97.99/mo. for BUSINESS XTRA PACK) unless canceled or changed by customer prior to end of the promotional period. **\$10/MO. OFF FOR 12 MOS. OFFER:** New customers only. Requires Auto Bill Pay and activation of BUSINESS SELECT PACK or above with a 24-month agreement. DIRECTV will credit the new customer's account \$10/mo. for 12 mos. starting in the second mo. In the 13th mo., the \$10/mo. credit will cease and DIRECTV services will automatically continue at the then-prevailing rate. ***GENERAL TV SERVICE TERMS:** Receipt of DIRECTV programming subject to terms of DIRECTV Commercial Customer Viewing Agreement; copy provided with new customer information packet. DIRECTV programming, pricing, terms and conditions subject to change at any time. Taxes not included. Business Viewing receiver fees of \$7/mo. each apply for 1st-9th receiver; \$4/mo. each for 10th-21st receiver; \$2/mo. each for 22nd and each additional receiver. Private receiver fees of \$7/mo. for the first and each additional receiver. **2016 NFL SUNDAY TICKET INCLUDED AT NO EXTRA COST OFFER:** Requires activation of BUSINESS XTRA PACK. Package consists of all out-of-market NFL games (based on customer's service address) broadcast on FOX and CBS. Other conditions apply. 2016 NFL SUNDAY TICKET early bird retail price is \$525 (Business Viewing) and \$419 (Private Viewing). Customers activating BUSINESS XTRA PACK are eligible to receive the 2016 season of NFL SUNDAY TICKET at no additional cost. NFL SUNDAY TICKET subscription will automatically continue in 2017 and each season thereafter at a special renewal rate unless customer calls 1-866-945-9940 to cancel prior to start of season. Subscription cannot be canceled (in part or in whole) after the start of the season and subscription fee cannot be refunded. **SONICTAP MUSIC CHANNELS OFFER:** After 3 mos., then-prevailing rate for SonicTap Music Channels (currently \$37.99/mo.) applies unless canceled or changed by customer prior to end of the promotional period. **HARDWARE OFFER:** Programming agreement, as defined by customer's commercial programming rate card, required. Offer available to new commercial customers in commercial structures no more than three stories high. No single-family residences allowed. Business Viewing: new BUSINESS XTRA PACK, BUSINESS ENTERTAINMENT PACK and BUSINESS SELECT PACK customers are eligible for up to four HD Receivers. Private Viewing: new BUSINESS XTRA PACK, BUSINESS ENTERTAINMENT PACK and BUSINESS SELECT PACK customers are eligible for any combination of up to four HD Receivers or two HD DVRs. DVR Service (\$12/mo.) required for DVR and HD DVR equipment. All DIRECTV Receivers must be continuously connected to the same land-based phone line or the Internet. **INSTALLATION:** Standard professional commercial installation for BUSINESS SELECT PACK and above customers. Complex/custom installation extra. \$49 standard installation applies for COMMERCIAL BASIC customers. Applicable use tax adjustment may apply on retail value of installation. \$19.95 Handling and Delivery fee may apply. Make and model of system at DIRECTV's sole discretion. Offer void where prohibited or restricted. To access HD programming, HD equipment required. Number of HD channels based on package selection. Eligibility for local channels based on service address. Not all networks available in all markets. NFL, the NFL Shield design and the NFL SUNDAY TICKET name and logo are registered trademarks of the NFL and its affiliates. NFL team names and uniform designs are registered trademarks of the teams indicated. NFL: Winslow Tomson/AP Photo. ©2016 AT&T Intellectual Property. All Rights Reserved. AT&T, Globe logo, DIRECTV and all other DIRECTV marks contained herein are trademarks of AT&T Intellectual Property and/or AT&T affiliated companies. All other marks are the property of their respective owners.