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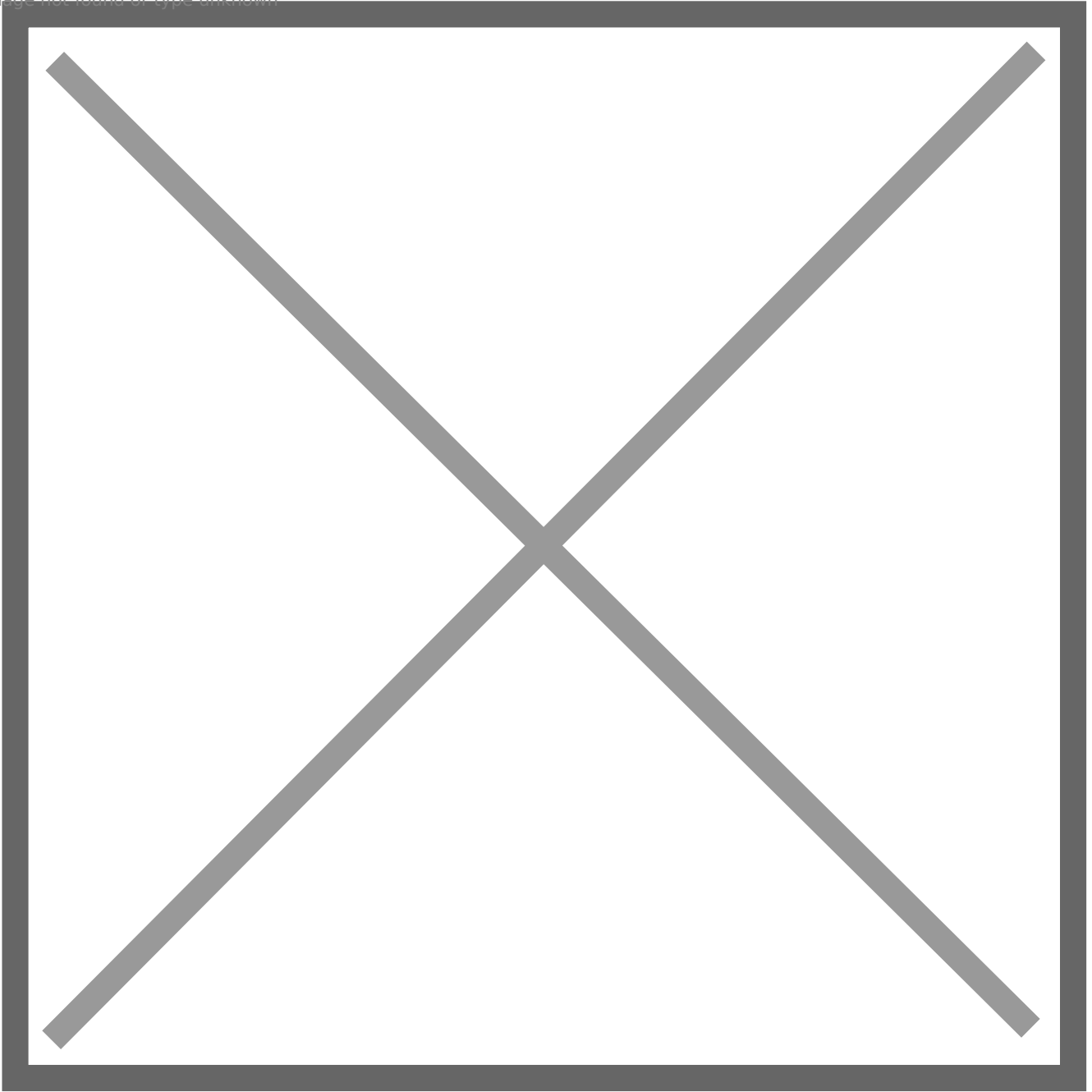
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Like all New Yorkers, I welcome today's news that most remaining COVID restrictions will be lifted. I want to thank the thousands of frontline workers, healthcare professionals, and countless others who helped us through this crisis and led us to this point. I would also like to recognize the many small businesses who fought to make it out of this pandemic and provided paychecks to millions of New York families during this difficult time.

Instead of taxpayer-funded firework shows celebrating his own lack of leadership, the Governor should mark this occasion by ending the state of emergency and reinstating the Legislature as a co-equal branch of government. Only then can we fully repeal unnecessary restrictions like masks mandates for school children.

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