Important Change to House Policy: Removal of TikTok Social Media Service from House Devices



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Notice to All Members and Staff:

The Committee on House Administration has authorized the CAO Office of Cybersecurity to initiate the removal of TikTok Social Media Service from all House managed devices.

Beginning immediately:

- · House staff are NOT allowed to download the TikTok app on any House mobile devices.
- · Tik Tok is NOT allowed on House mobile devices. If you have the TikTok app on your House mobile device, you will be contacted to remove it.

The Office of Cybersecurity has been deemed The TikTok mobile application to be a high risk to users <u>due to a number of security</u> <u>risks</u>.

By way of background, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 requires executive brand agencies to begin removing the social networking service TikTok or any successor application or service developed or provided by ByteDance Limited. The Committee on House Administration has authorized the Office of Cybersecurity to implement a similar policy for the U.S. House of Representatives.

For additional information, please refer to the <u>Cybersecurity page on HouseNet</u> alongside additional e-Dear Colleague communications.

If you have any questions, please contact the CAO's Office of Cybersecurity at Cybersecurity@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

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