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GOVERNOR

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The Honorable Marcia Adams
Executive Director
Department of Administration
1200 Senate Street, Suite 460
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Director Adams,

I am requesting that the social media platform TikTok be permanently removed, and access blocked from all state government electronic devices that are managed by the Department of Administration.

Protecting our State's critical cyber infrastructure from foreign and domestic threats is key to ensuring the health, safety, and well-being of our citizens and businesses. Federal law enforcement and national security officials have warned that TikTok poses a clear and present danger to its users, and a growing bi-partisan coalition in Congress is pushing to ban access to TikTok in the United States.

The General Assembly has recognized the dangers and inefficiencies of our State's "siloed" cyber infrastructure and has encouraged state agencies to partner with the department. This partnership allows the State's cyber infrastructure to be maintained and managed in a comprehensive and cohesive fashion.

Unfortunately, there are a number of state agencies who continue to operate in a silo. I ask that you provide my office with a listing of state agencies for whom the department is unable to permanently block access to TikTok.

Thank you for your leadership and service to the citizens of South Carolina.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Henry McMaster".

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