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## Representative Gress Applauds Executive Action Against Real Threat Presented by TikTok on State Devices

*Governor's Executive Order incorporates parts of Gress' legislation, but it is no substitute for actual changes in law needed to secure the state's critical information*

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – Arizona State Representative Matt Gress today applauded a new [Executive Order](#) issued by Governor Hobbs which follows the lead of Republicans in the legislature to uphold the state's cybersecurity interests by banning the use of the social networking service known as TikTok, which has been linked to data collections efforts by the communist government of China.

Representative Gress is the sponsor of [HB 2416](#), the "No TikTok on Arizona Government Devices Act," a comprehensive statewide cybersecurity plan that prohibits the use of TikTok on devices utilized for state business and public service-related efforts.

Statement from Representative Gress:

**"I applaud the Governor for taking action to address the security and data collection threats posed by TikTok and similar apps. The Legislature still needs to act, and the Governor should sign HB 2416, a comprehensive plan to keep the state's critical information secure and strengthen public safety. It would expand on the Governor's order, codifying it permanently into state law, and apply to all government entities, employees, and contractors.**

**"I urge Governor Hobbs and my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to support this commonsense legislation and pass it into law."**

*Matt Gress is a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 4 in Phoenix. He also serves as Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Budgetary Funding Formulas. Follow him on Twitter at @MatthewGress.*

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