

United States Senate

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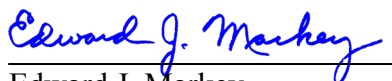
The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

We write to urge you to trigger the 90-day extension in the *Protecting Americans' Data from Foreign Adversaries Act* to allow ByteDance additional time to divest TikTok before facing a ban in the United States.¹ Over the past few days, it has become clear that, without action from you, TikTok will likely go dark on Sunday, with serious consequences for the 170 million Americans and 7 million businesses that rely on TikTok.² A shutdown would be especially painful for creators in California who have been using the platform to share their stories and find resources during the tragic wildfires around Los Angeles. With Senate Republicans blocking legislation introduced this week to extend the TikTok divest-or-ban deadline³ and the Supreme Court, by all accounts, appearing unlikely to come to TikTok's aid,⁴ your administration represents the last chance to avoid a TikTok shutdown on Sunday. We therefore urge you to act swiftly to trigger the 90-day extension.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,



Edward J. Markey
United States Senator




Chris Van Hollen
United States Senator

¹ Protecting Americans' Data from Foreign Adversaries Act of 2024, 15 U.S.C. § 9901 (note).

² See, e.g., David Shephardson & Krystal Hu, *TikTok prepares to shut down app in US on Sunday, sources say*, Reuters (Jan. 16, 2025), <https://www.reuters.com/technology/tiktok-preparing-us-shut-off-sunday-information-reports-2025-01-15/>.

³ Extend the TikTok Deadline Act, S. 103, 119th Cong. (2025).

⁴ See, e.g., Adam Liptak, *Supreme Court Seems Poised to Uphold Law That Could Ban TikTok*, N.Y. Times (Jan. 10, 2025), <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/01/10/us/politics/supreme-court-tiktok-ban-law.html>.



Cory A. Booker
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