

Sen. Josh Hawley to introduce bill to ban TikTok nationwide

Sen. Josh Hawley (R-MO) announced his intention to introduce a bill to ban the social media app TikTok nationwide.

Hawley, a longtime critic of the app, views it as a “Trojan Horse” for the Chinese Communist Party. He didn’t say when he would introduce the bill, but he cited Congress’s banning of the app on government devices last week as precedent.

TikTok “is China’s backdoor into Americans’ lives. It threatens our children’s privacy as well as their mental health. Last month Congress banned it on all government devices. Now I will introduce legislation to ban it nationwide,” he tweeted.

Hawley played a key role in the decision to include a ban of TikTok on state-owned devices as a provision in December’s massive omnibus spending bill.

“TikTok is a Trojan Horse for the Chinese Communist Party. It’s a major security risk to the United States, and until it is forced to sever ties with China completely, it has no place on government devices,” Hawley said in a statement at the time, according to Fox News.

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