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Washington, D. C. 20530

February 11, 2025

Katherine Adams
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Re: Enforcement of the Protecting Americans from Foreign Adversary Controlled Applications Act

Dear Ms. Adams:

I write in response to your February 8, 2025 letter regarding the Department of Justice's January 30, 2025 letter on Enforcement of the Protecting Americans from Foreign Adversary Controlled Applications Act (the "Letter").

As the Department's Letter stated, pursuant to the January 20, 2025 Executive Order,¹ "the Department of Justice will take no action to enforce the Act or impose any penalties against Apple Inc. ('Apple') for any conduct occurring from January 19, 2025, through April 5, 2025 (the 'Covered Period')." This includes both the TikTok app and the larger family of ByteDance Ltd. and TikTok, Inc. applications, as defined by Section 2(g) of the Act.

As part of that determination, the Department is irrevocably relinquishing any claims the United States might have had against Apple for the conduct proscribed in the Act during the Covered Period, with respect to TikTok and the larger family of ByteDance Ltd. and TikTok, Inc. applications covered under the Act. This is derived from the Attorney General's plenary authority over all litigation, civil and criminal, to which the United States, its agencies, or departments, are parties, as well as the Attorney General's authority to enter settlements limiting the future exercise of executive branch discretion.

¹ Executive Order, Application of Protecting Americans from Foreign Adversary Controlled Applications Act to TikTok, sec. 2(a) (Jan. 20, 2025), <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/application-of-protecting-americans-from-foreign-adversary-controlled-applications-act-to-tiktok/>.

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The Department reaffirms its commitment to executing on the Executive Order, and to effectuate the President's stated goal of protecting national security while making available a communications platform used by millions of Americans.

Regards,



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Vice President, Regulatory Affairs
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Re: Enforcement of the Protecting Americans from Foreign Adversary Controlled Applications Act

Dear Ms. Mulholland:

I write in response to your February 10, 2025 email regarding the Department of Justice's January 30, 2025 letter on Enforcement of the Protecting Americans from Foreign Adversary Controlled Applications Act (the "Letter").

As the Department's Letter stated, pursuant to the January 20, 2025 Executive Order,¹ "the Department of Justice will take no action to enforce the Act or impose any penalties against Google LLC ('Google') for any conduct occurring from January 19, 2025, through April 5, 2025 (the 'Covered Period')." ² This includes both the TikTok app and the larger family of ByteDance Ltd. and TikTok, Inc. applications, as defined by Section 2(g) of the Act.

As part of that determination, the Department is irrevocably relinquishing any claims the United States might have had against Google for the conduct proscribed in the Act during the Covered Period, with respect to TikTok and the larger family of ByteDance Ltd. and TikTok, Inc. applications covered under the Act. This is derived from the Attorney General's plenary authority over all litigation, civil and criminal, to which the United States, its agencies, or departments, are parties, as well as the Attorney General's authority to enter settlements limiting the future exercise of executive branch discretion.

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² As used in the January 30, 2025 prior letter and this letter, "Google" includes Google LLC as well as Alphabet Inc.

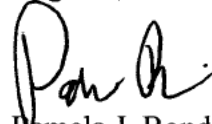
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pam B.", is positioned above the printed name.

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