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Representative Ben Toma  
Speaker of the House  
1700 W. Washington Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: HB2416

Speaker Toma,

I have vetoed HB2416.

Protecting the state's security and privacy are of the utmost importance as is safeguarding that data to reduce cybersecurity risks. As such, in April I issued Executive Order 2023-10 to protect the state's cybersecurity interests, starting with removing TikTok on all state-owned and state-licensed devices and personal devices used for state work. Additionally, the Executive Order requires the Departments of Administration and Homeland Security to create a plan to prohibit access to TikTok, and annually evaluate other applications that may pose cybersecurity threats.

State agencies are already taking action to comply with the Executive Order. The state's universities and community colleges, while not required to comply with the Executive Order, are taking action to safeguard their networks as well.

Given these things, I believe that HB2416 is duplicative.

Sincerely,

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Katie Hobbs  
Governor  
State of Arizona

Cc:  
President Petersen  
Representative Gress  
Secretary of the Senate  
Chief Clerk of the House  
Secretary Fontes

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