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# S. 4452

To prohibit Federal employees from downloading or using WeChat on Government devices.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 5, 2020

Mr. KENNEDY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “WeChat No More Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES FROM**

6 **DOWNLOADING OR USING WECHAT ON GOV-**

7 **ERNMENT DEVICES.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

9 (1) the terms “congressional employee”, “Gov-  
10 ernment corporation”, “Member of Congress”, and

1 “officer” have the meanings given such terms in sec-  
2 tion 2107, 103, 2106, and 2104 of title 5, United  
3 States Code, respectively; and

4 (2) the term “Federal employee”—

5 (A) means an employee of any establish-  
6 ment or office in the executive, legislative, or  
7 judicial branch of the Federal Government; and

8 (B) includes a congressional employee.

9 (b) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided in subsection  
10 (c), no Federal employee, officer, Member of Congress, or  
11 officer or employee of a Government corporation may  
12 download or use on any device issued or provided by the  
13 United States or a Government corporation WeChat, or  
14 any successor application that is developed by Tencent  
15 Holdings Limited, an entity owned by Tencent Holdings  
16 Limited, a successor to Tencent Holdings Limited, or an  
17 entity owned by a successor to Tencent Holdings Limited.

18 (c) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (b) shall not apply to  
19 downloading or using an application on a device issued by  
20 the United States or a Government corporation in connec-  
21 tion with the duties of a Federal employee, officer, Mem-  
22 ber of Congress, or officer or employee of a Government  
23 corporation relating to cybersecurity research, conducting

- 1 an investigation, pursuing an enforcement action, a dis-
- 2 ciplinary action, or an intelligence activity.

