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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: TikTok's Time Running Out?; CEO on Capitol Hill]

ROBIN ROBERTS: TikTok's time running out? The company's CEO is on Capitol Hill with the Biden administration and lawmakers threatening a ban in the U.S. and the creators lobbying lawmakers, saying a ban would threaten their livelihoods.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: New This Morning; TikTok on the Hot Seat; CEO to Testify on Capitol Hill as App Faces Possible U.S. Ban]

ROBERTS: Coming up, is TikTok's time running out with the CEO set to take the hot seat on Capitol Hill?

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Coming Up; 7:42; TikTok on the Hot Seat]

ROBERTS: Coming up, TikTok's fate in the U.S. with the popular app's CEO coming before the very lawmakers who want to ban it.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: New This Morning; TikTok on the Hot Seat; CEO to Testify on Capitol Hill as App Faces Possible U.S. Ban]

ROBERTS: We're back now with the latest on TikTok and if the popular app will face a possible ban in the U.S. The CEO is set to testify on Capitol Hill and our senior congressional correspondent Rachel Scott is in the hearing room. Good morning, Rachel.

RACHEL SCOTT: Hey, Robin, good morning. Yes, in just a few hours, the CEO of TikTok will

be in this room coming before the very lawmakers who want to ban the app outright. The company facing its biggest test yet: trying to convince Congress that TikTok is safe and secure. This morning, TikTok's CEO in the hot seat for the first time.

TIKTOK CEO SHOU CHEW: Some politicians have started talking about banning TikTok. Now, this could take TikTok away from all 150 million of you.

SCOTT: Lawmakers say the wildly popular app —

GISELLE UGARTE: How to make money from home part two.

SCOTT: — and its Chinese parent company ByteDance can't be trusted, warning data like your browser history and location could be shared with the Chinese government. [TO MCMORRIS RODGERS] Is a ban on TikTok on the table?

CATHY MCMORIS RODGERS (R-WA): I believe that we do need to ban TikTok for national security purposes. And what we are learning about TikTok and the evidence that is mounting, it is — it only underscores the importance of Congress to act.

SCOTT: ABC News learned the Justice Department has already launched an investigation into TikTok for possibly spying on journalists like Emily Baker Wright.

EMILY BAKER WRIGHT: A team of employees that report to an executive in China trying to pull information from my personal TikTok account in order to monitor my IP address and therefore, try to figure out where I was going and who I was meeting with.

SCOTT [TO BAKER WRIGHT]: Did you have any idea that this could possibly be happening to you?

BAKER WRIGHT: I was surprised when I found out. There was no indication from my phone.

SCOTT: Sources tell ABC News the Biden administration told the company to either sell their stakes or risk being banned. But creators like Jason Linton say that would be devastating for his family.

JAMES LINTON: Hello, everybody. We are on the Dad Life trampoline.

SCOTT: For the small town in Oklahoma, they built an online community of 12 million followers and a source of income.

LINTON: And we've gathered so much of the community on that platform that we weren't able to reach before.

SCOTT: Callie Goodwin from South Carolina —

CALLIE GOODWIN: I think this can be a game changer.

SCOTT: — says 90 percent of her sales from her card company come from TikTok. [TO GOODWIN] Do you think your business could survive without TikTok?

GOODWIN: Unfortunately, I don't think so. I think so much of our community and the way that people find us and how we interact with our customers and our sales is driven by TikTok.

SCOTT: Many of those TikTok creators are already lining up outside of today's hearing room. I'm told the CEO of TikTok will try to make the case that the company has built up a firewall to try to protect Americans' data and make the app safe and secure for minors. The big question, of course, will lawmakers believe it's enough? Guys?

ROBERTS: That is a good question. You're right about that, Rachel.

MICHAEL STRAHAN: All right. Thank you.