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I think this is very impressive and several people have reached out to me to express the incredible leadership from State on this. FYI

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## U.S. State Department speaks to Twitter over Iran

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WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The U.S. State Department contacted the social networking service Twitter over the weekend to urge it to delay a planned upgrade that could have cut daytime service to Iranians, a U.S. official said on Tuesday.

"We highlighted to them that this was an important form of communication," said the official of the conversation the department had with Twitter at the time of the disputed Iranian election. He declined further details.

(Reporting by Sue Fleming, Editing by Sandra Maler)