

Verizon's blocking of NARAL's text messaging campaign violates the principles of Free Speech which are critical to our nation's communications. The unrestricted ability to communicate with the people and organizations of my choice is just as important in text as it is in voice. There is no important distinction between different media. Restriction based on content is censorship regardless of what medium it occurs in.

Carriers' assurances that they won't block political speech in the future are not enough especially given their prior behavior. The FCC must ensure that this does not happen again by making it clear that the nondiscrimination rules which have long applied to phone calls are also applicable to text messages and short codes.

Don't let wireless carriers be the gatekeepers that decide who may use new media like text messaging; please keep speech free, no matter what form it comes in.