

Verizon blocking of text messages based on content is extremely dangerous to free speech. Why should Verizon decide what people can say to each other? We're paying them to enable our communication, not to regulate it. What protections are in place to make sure their control isn't used only for self-interest, at the expense of people who have no recourse against them? Isn't that why we have elected government and laws - so that the people decide what they want, and the officials in charge of that vision are answerable?

Verizon is, unfortunately, misusing their position of power. They are overstepping their bounds, and should not be censoring people's communications based on their content. They've proven themselves incapable of handling the responsibility of their position wisely, and must be brought into public oversight.

These rules are already in place for telephones. Text messaging needs the same protections. I urge you to act to preserve our freedoms, and prevent the abuses of free speech by Verizon - and any other telecom provider - in the future.

Thank you.