

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.

Carriers' assurances that they won't block political speech in the future are simply not enough. The FCC must take action to 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, important mediums like text messaging; please keep speech free, no matter what form it comes in.

As the world increasingly falls under the sway of massive corporations, both politically and culturally, it is important that the FCC protect the interest of the public. To say that Verizon's policies against political text messages (to say nothing of the fact NARAL is a pro-choice group...) is unfair is an understatement, it is an affront to the ideals of our country.