

It is extraordinary, in a country founded on the freedom of speech, that a corporation believes that it can determine what messages can be communicated to their citizen subscribers. This is not right and certainly not legal.

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.

Please don't let wireless carriers decide who may use new, important mediums like text messaging; please keep speech free, no matter what form it comes in.