

Dear Chairman Genachowski, I urge you to finally grant Public Knowledge's petition and make it clear to wireless carriers that they cannot screen text messages they don't like. (I would also advocate limiting how much they can charge for the service, which costs them very little, but that's another matter.) Text messaging is a vital form of communication, and should be protected from interference just like voice calls. We do not allow phone companies to decide who makes a phone call and what they say. It is time to stop letting them decide who can send a text message and what it says. As long as the threat of unjust and unreasonable text message blocking lingers, companies and nonprofits will avoid spending time and money developing innovative uses for it. There is no reason that wireless carriers should be gatekeepers for text message innovation. It has been over two years since this problem was brought to the FCC's attention, and yet Sprint is still able to block attempts to raise money for Haitian earthquake victims. The FCC must grant Public Knowledge's petition now, before wireless carriers block anything else. Sincerely,