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The Honorable Ajit Pai
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Wireless Messaging Service Declaratory Ruling
WT Docket No. 08-7

Dear Chairman Pai:

I write regarding the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) proposed Declaratory Ruling that would classify text messaging as an information service under Title I of the federal Communications Act.

The stated purpose of this ruling is to protect consumers from spam or robotexts, but critics argue that the ruling gives no additional protections to consumers and instead increases their vulnerability to political censorship and risks widespread exposure of private information from personal communications.

I encourage you to withdraw the proposed Ruling and open this matter for public comment to better identify potential consequences and ensure collection of the most accurate, useful, and current information possible to help shape this decision.

Sincerely,


Eliot L. Engel
Member of Congress