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staff blogs	A decision to open or seal a video showing a tractor-trailer driver texting up						
birth announcements obituaries	until the moment of a fatal accident will be made by Circuit Judge Andy Howorth next month.						
contests publications trending topics!	The family of Dwight White, killed when the tractor-trailer collided with his vehicle, asks that the video be open so the public can see the dangers of texting while driving.						
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	Misty West of Tupelo, White's daughter, said she wants the video to be public						
buy photos facebook	because she wants to push the Mississippi Legislature to pass a law banning texting while driving.						
e-edition	"The reason behind pushing for the video is because I want to show it to show the consequences," West said Wednesday. "This is what happens when you're texting, playing a video game or Facebooking" while driving.						
06/02/12	The wreck occurred April 9, 2011, on Highway 78 near the Auburn Road exit.						
	At about 5 a.m., White was stopped in traffic caused by an accident when Marcus Hardin's tractor-trailer collided with White's vehicle. The tractor-trailer, owned by Pat Salmon & Sons Inc., was equipped with a pair						
Kangged Family and Angel at the second secon	of video cameras that captured the view of the road and Hardin as he operated the rig. The motion for the White family to make the video public claims it shows a long line of red taillights stopped on Highway 78 and Hardin focusing on his cellphone.						
my content my profiles	Mississippi has no law banning drivers from texting or using cellphones while operating a motor vehicle.						
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directories	The hearing before Howorth is set for June 19 in Marshall County, where the lawsuit was filed.						
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sports & rec. real estate	The Legislature continues to reject bills to broaden texting-while-driving laws.						
more	For the past three years, state Sen. Billy Hudson, R-Hattiesburg, has introduced legislation that would make using a cellular device while driving						
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real estate	Hudson said he doesn't want Mississippi to be the last state to adopt a law						
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,	"Are we going to be last again?" he said. "I have a family member that is						

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NEMSHomes NeMissJobs The U.S. Department of Transportation says sending text messages is the most dangerous distraction while driving because it requires visual, manual and cognitive attention from the driver.						
community events blogs	The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration bans anyone from texting while operating a commercial motor vehicle and 34 states have laws making texting while driving a primary ticketable offense.					
RSS feeds 🔊	Hudson and West agree the issue is about commonsense public safety.					
news sports living	"My sole purpose with this is to save lives," West said. "I want something good to come out of this. In Mississippi, we've got to implement a law."					
business opinion obituaries	The Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association says more than 196 billion text messages were sent or received in the United States in June 2011, up 50 percent from June 2009.					
publication about us our history	Tupelo Police Officer Alan Chavers said he sees people on their cellphones just about every time he goes on patrol, and like speed limit signs and seat belt laws, a text messaging law would be a great help.					
contact us advertise bridal	West said she hopes Judge Howorth will allow the 2011 wreck video to be seen by the public.					
products conversation guidelines subscriptions	"I want everyone, this company and our legislators to know this video needs to be out there," she said. "I would love for our legislators to see it and say we need to implement a law."					
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monroe360	3,092 people were killed by distracted drivers in 2010.					
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The enemy is hard to describe and stomp when they are not part of a group. I believe in less government and not having a national government except for protection. I do not support any government handouts especially health care. The fact is Government does not do almost anything well. That is why communities should use business as the motivator of public behavior.

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If you take one minute to look at what the government restricts while behind the wheel of a car now, it just makes sense to put a fine on anyone using a phone in a car. Before we had mothers against drunk drivers and the cops let you go if you had "only had a few", the death rate was much higher for alcohol related accidents. Now it's much lower. When the government forced us to wear seat belts, the death rate has gone down to record lows. If we can save one person from being killed on our highways, I'm all for a \$200.00 fine for using a cell phone or \$300.00 fine for texting while driving. After all, how long does it take to pull over and use your phone? Isn't that inconvience worth your or someone else's life?

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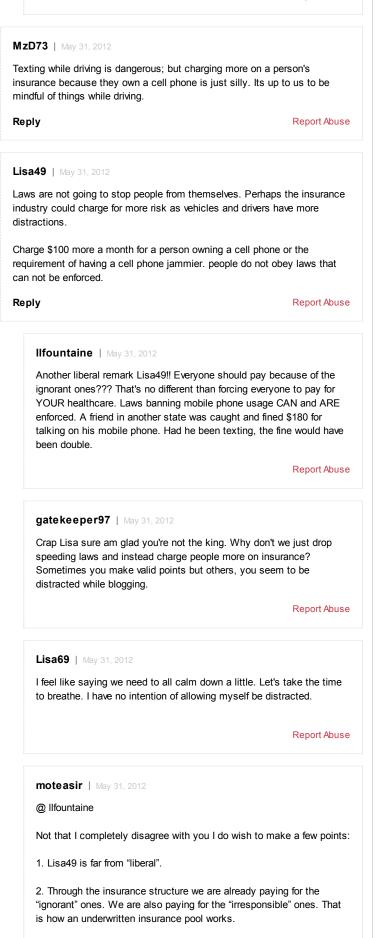
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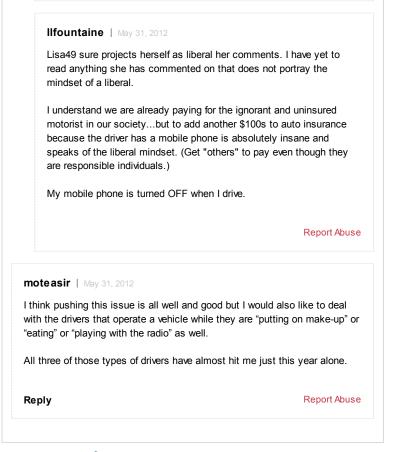
Fines only punish the poor and reward the rich as it is just the cost of doing business. Put cell phone jammers in cars and offer a insurance discount for having them. If you are going to make it a law forget the fine and make the criminal do public service even if they are governor. The bigger problem is we have a justice system that works on the good old boy structure that does selective enforcement and punishment.

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