

To Whom It May Concern:

I wish to provide commentary on the FCC proceeding 15-64.

I believe the FCC should unlock the set top box. There is no reason why a television provider needs to be the sole provider of a set-top box. By definition they are a service provider, meaning they provide me with video programming. It shouldn't be mandatory to use their hardware (set-top box). Allowing this natural monopoly to continue is a detriment to consumers. By limiting choice, the consumers are subjected to using AND paying for a piece of hardware that is outdated. Allowing others parties to manufacture set-top boxes will increase buyer choices and create competition.

I urge you to strongly consider allowing third parties to manufacture set-top television boxes.

Sincerely,

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