

I am a small voice among many. I would be very happy to see more voices speaking out against tyrannical actions taken by the government cooperating with lobbyists. I try to be proactive in my community by supporting programs and actions I see as beneficial and by opposing programs and actions that I see as harmful in any way. Unfortunately, I feel as though I have been ignored by my representatives in congress when I have contacted them asking for consideration of my point of view. I have seen government regulation increasing to a seemingly excessive degree. Our nation was not founded as a pure democracy partly for the simple fact that a great majority of the populace was uneducated at the time. Now we have much higher educational standards yet it seems that many government officials deem us less able to make an educated vote or to represent for the voice of the people rather than their personal agenda.

Many have posted comments against the mandatory use of digital rights management hardware being implemented in digital appliances. I am not entirely against digital rights management as it could possibly allow for some new business practices that might benefit both the consumer and the industry professional. However, it should also be necessary to monitor the uses of digital rights management in order to protect "fair use" rights.

Sadly, the majority of actions taken recently in favor of digital rights management seem to come from the entertainment industry ignoring the interests of consumers. If the money invested in some of these actions were used to chase down the real criminals instead of assuming that we're all criminals, the entertainment industry would finally benefit from the investment rather than continue to annoy their customers. These recent actions should be taken into account when deciding what course to take with digital rights management.

A lock on the front door of a house only serves to keep an honest man honest. A serious criminal will not be stopped by a simple lock. It is ridiculous to require a lock that would limit a person's use of their own house or even worse to give the key to that lock to someone who may not have the best interest of the owner in mind. Digital rights management is a sensitive issue to many people. I do not propose to have a solution, but I hope that the voices of consumers are heard just as much as the voices of lobbyists backed by dollar signs.