

Though I am not a lawyer, I would respectfully submit that mandating that digital recorders respect the so-called "broadcast flag" would tread on fair-use provisions by preventing time-shifting. I currently watch about 6 to 10 hours of carefully selected television per week, and NOT ONE MINUTE OF IT at the time it was originally telecast. I am about to move away from a VCR to a DVR.

I would also respectfully submit that without the ability to timeshift, I would not watch those shows. Most of my friends, mid-career professionals with small children, are in a similar situation. We just cannot make it in front of the television at the originally telecast times. The networks' concerns are valid, however, they need to think of the big picture. In today's busy world, they cannot count on us to follow their scheduling whims.

Thank you.