

As a concerned citizen who has eagerly awaited the arrival of digital television, I must express my reservations on any scheme which prohibits me or my family from time and space shifting digital broadcasts. I do not think that it is a technically viable idea--as copy protection schemes have failed miserably in the past and have been shown by various experts in cryptography to be technically impossible. I do not think that it is in the best interests of the public as such protections will be at best inconvenient. I do not think it is in the interest of the content providers as they will lose viewership because of the inconvenience. For digital television to become dominant, it must be superior in quality. A better picture is nice, but losing the current set of convenient functions would likely reduce the rate of acceptance.