

Anyone that knows anything about computers and electronics knows that even the best protection or security WILL be bypassed or completely negated shortly after release. Then what happens is those that choose to take the wrong path and break these protections have full freedom with the software/hardware, while honest people are forced to deal with the inconvenience. I made a new T.V. purchase a little over a year ago and rather than just getting a cheap T.V. to play it safe, I decided to take the plunge and help HDTV become more widely accepted and hopefully speed the time it is taking to make high definition television a reality for myself and others. After spending \$2,000 (which is a LOT for me), I now see it is possible my money will have been wasted, as if this Digital Television copyright protection act is passed, my T.V. may not be able to fully display HD video and I won't be able to record programs for later viewing, when it is finally available in my area. I can promise you I will NOT be spending more money on something that I have already invested so heavily in, just because some big companies want to control everything the consumer can and cannot do with media that has already been protected in the Betamax case. Big companies failed to control consumers in a way they should never be allowed to then, and now they are trying to slip one by us all and finally have their way.

I have always supported cutting edge technology, but I promise you that if the CONSUMERS, the most important people in the equation lose to big business here, I will not be supporting future products out of fear that it will be obsolete soon after I buy it because someone wants to control my life and hobbies. Thanks for your time.