

The last thing our society needs is more regulation based on the special interests of Hollywood! The FCC and courts have already held that many of the activities which would be prohibited by implementation of a "broadcast flag" are fair uses of broadcast content in the analog world. Despite the loud voices of Jack Valenti & friends, it has yet to be demonstrated that dramatically different rules should apply to content merely because it is being delivered digitally. As proposed, the "broadcast flag" cannot distinguish between a legitimate or fair use of the content and an illegitimate use. Why should the American public lose its right of fair use entirely because some people might want to do something illegal? Copyright law & associated federal regulations are supposed to balance the interests of content creators/owners and users in order "to promote the progress of science and [the] useful arts. I don't expect Jack Valenti or others in Hollywood to concern themselves much with this balance (although they also benefit from it). However, I DO expect the FCC to do so. The rights and interests of the American public should weigh much heavier in the balance than the special interests of Hollywood.