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From: Andrew Wales [ar_elite@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2003 12:08 AM
To: KAQuinn
Subject: I Oppose a Broadcast Flag Mandate for Digital Television

October 27, 2003

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From: Henry Clay [gunjin_10@hotmail.com]
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Sincerely,

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USA

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From: Ryan Osborn [osborn.52@osu.edu]
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From: Dana Cavasso [danacc@excite.com]
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2003 9:53 PM
To: Commissioner Adelstein
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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USA

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From: Precursor - David Hoover [Precursor-Hoover@PrecursorGroup.xmr3.com]
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2003 8:24 PM
To: Michael Copps
Subject: Broadcast Flag Unlikely to Solve Digital Content Piracy



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Summary: Precursor believes investors should view the FCC's pending adoption of a **"Broadcast Flag" not as the solution to digital piracy**, but, rather, as further **evidence of the significance of the digitization threat to content owners and providers**. Precursor suggests that flag proponents, largely Hollywood and the broadcast networks, will likely succeed in establishing a precarious technology beachhead, whereby content would be incrementally more protected; but this is by no means a definitive solution. The hype surrounding the upcoming ruling is overshadowing its marginal benefits. Precursor cautions that the flag, which prohibits unauthorized Internet redistribution of over-the-air (o-t-a) content, is just the initial attack of a technology battle in a larger war on digital piracy. Whether content providers will ultimately succeed is still very much in doubt because victory over digital piracy is dependent on the cumulative success of heroic efforts on multiple fronts of law, litigation, technology, international, and business model development (see Precursor 3/3/03). Accordingly, Precursor still believes the premiums afforded **DIS, VIA, and FOX** do not yet reflect the significant oncoming digitization threat that is likely only temporarily ameliorated by the flag. *(The full research can be accessed by viewing the attached PDF file.)*

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Sincerely,

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From: nathaniel mordo [nate@sickestever.com]
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2003 6:15 PM
To: Michael Copps
Subject: I Oppose a Broadcast Flag Mandate for Digital Television

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Dear Michael Copps,

I am writing this to voice my opposition to any FCC-mandated adoption of "broadcast flag" technology. Based on my understanding of this issue, the technology will have a negative effect for consumers and manufacturers, and have a debatably positive effect for content creators.

Frankly, I am concerned that the content industry already has too much control over how legislation is decided (the recent Disney copyright extension is a good example) and aggressive actions by organizations like the RIAA and the MPAA are making it difficult to have a open discussion of the issues with a resolution that is balanced for *both* consumers and producers.

By implementing the broadcast flag I am afraid that the content industry will have the power to stifle innovation by dictating what kinds of new features and technology manufacturers can include in their products. This is unacceptable, as is the problem of this technology rendering millions of existing DVD players useless.

I am shocked that this legislation has come so close to passing, and I strongly oppose it. If this legislation does pass, I likely will curtail purchases of electronics or other goods which control my usage of content per the wishes of content creators. The bottom line for me is, if I pay for content, I want to be able to do whatever I want with it - watch it on my TV, laptop, personal video player, etc. I should not be required to purchase all new equipment to make this happen.

Please vote against this terrible infringement on consumer rights!

Sincerely,

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From: Francine Keyes [fakeyes@yahoo.com]
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Dear Kathleen Abernathy,

I am writing because I oppose FCC-mandated adoption of the "broadcast flag". This is a terrible idea designed by one industry to protect itself from advancements in technology industries.

If you mandate this, you will sacrifice a robust consumer electronics industry that is ten times the size of the entertainment industry requesting the legislation. Further, this mandate has no effect outside the US and therefore will hinder our competitiveness in oversease markets. The mandate is patently foolish and economically irresponsible.

Apart from the overall economic harm, this mandate would cause harm to consumers by locking in aging technologies, limiting consumer choice and preventing competition, since the entertainment industry has control over what technology manufacturers create.

Sincerely,

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From: Douglas Estes [dce005@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2003 3:46 PM
To: Michael Copps
Subject: I Oppose a Broadcast Flag Mandate for Digital Television

October 27, 2003

Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Michael Copps,

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