

## Stephanie Kost

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**From:** Michael Lee [mikelee@areatech.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 12, 2003 6:24 PM  
**To:** KAQuinn  
**Subject:** I Oppose a Broadcast Flag Mandate for Digital Television

November 12, 2003

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Challenge, CA 95925  
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**From:** Andrea Knutsen [AKnutsen@pff.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 12, 2003 3:22 PM  
**To:** Andrea Knutsen  
**Subject:** Updated - Congressional Seminar: Copyright Protection and the Broadcast Flag



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## Copyright Protection

## and the Broadcast Flag

**YOU ARE INVITED . . .**

*to a Progress & Freedom Foundation Congressional Seminar*

### Topic

Protection of copyright on the Internet is a hot-button issue. Millions of people illegally copy files over the Internet; content owners have responded with lawsuits against "file-sharing" systems and their users. The main alternative to copyright liability is the adoption of technological protection mechanisms. Last week, in a major rulemaking, the FCC ordered that, starting with the 2005 product cycle, all digital televisions and related equipment recognize and comply with the "broadcast flag" - a digital code to limit redistribution of over-the-air broadcasts. The agency did so "to foster the transition to digital TV and forestall potential harm to the viability of free over-the-air broadcasting in the digital age."

Relying on the input of top experts in the field, this Congressional Seminar will help answer questions pertaining to copyright enforcement and the broadcast flag: What mix of available protection mechanisms for IP enforcement will best serve content producers and consumers? Is the broadcast flag needed to ensure that rich digital content will be made available for over-the-air broadcasts? Are there superior alternatives?

**When:**

Friday, November 14, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

**Where:**

Room 1539, Longworth House Office Building

**Moderator:**

William F. Adkinson, Jr., *Senior Policy Counsel, The Progress and Freedom Foundation*

**Speakers:**

Robert D. Atkinson, *VP, the Progressive Policy Institute, and Director of PPI's Technology & New Economy Project. (Author of "Confronting Digital Piracy, Intellectual Property Protection in the Digital Era")*

Fritz Attaway, *Executive Vice President and Washington General Counsel, the Motion Picture Association of America*

Rick Chessen, *Associate Chief, Media Bureau and Chair of DTV Task Force*

Mike Godwin, *Senior Technology Counsel, Public Knowledge*

## **Lunch:**

**A buffet lunch will be served.**

Register by Fax: Fill out the form below and fax to: 202-289-6079

Register by Phone: Andrea Knutsen, 202-289-8928

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**From:** Karin Smith [badco58@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 12, 2003 2:40 PM  
**To:** Michael Copps  
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Sincerely,

Karin Smith  
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Reno, NV 89506  
USA

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**From:** Damon Schmidt [damon@seaboys.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 12, 2003 1:15 PM  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
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Bellevue, WA 98005  
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San Antonio, TX 78258  
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**From:** Alexander Pape [apape@twcny.rr.com]  
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San Mateo, CA 94401  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 12, 2003 10:40 AM  
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If the FCC issues a broadcast flag mandate, I would actually be less likely to make an investment in DTV-capable receivers and other equipment. I will not pay more for devices that limit my rights at the behest of Hollywood. Please do not mandate broadcast flag technology for digital television. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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