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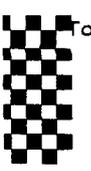
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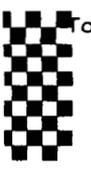
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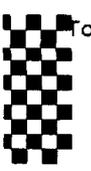
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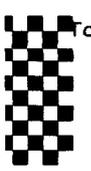
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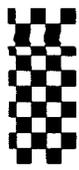
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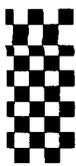
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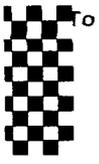
As a law student and future attorney, I am appalled at a rule that would restrict consumers in such a way. The government's role is to protect consumers as well as to encourage business. This rule would take the narrow view of a specific special interest group and applies to all consumers. This may be a case where the special interest group needs to change their business model, and not a case of making old models fit new problems.

As a consumer, I will steadfastly resist purchasing or contributing to such restrictive technology. I have absolutely no incentive to purchase new equipment that is unreasonably restrictive.

Thank you,

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I don't tell them how to make movies, they can't tell me how to watch TV. If they don't like the market, for god's sake, have them stay out of it!

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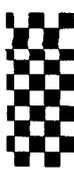
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Dear Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy:

Broadcast television uses a public resource — the airwaves. The FCC bears the burden of managing that public resource for the benefit of it's owners: The citizens of the United States.

The "broadcast flag" is not in the interest of the citizens. In fact, it gives license to media interests to control when and how information carried over the public airways are viewed. This gives the broadcast media industry far too much control over how citizens make use of the public airwaves.

Consider presidential debates. In an economy with a 24x7 workforce, only a minority of the citizenry may be able to view the debates at the time of the broadcast. With the advent of the VCR and court rulings validating a citizens right to "time shift" and "space shift" broadcast materials, those debates can be recorded for viewing at a time and place more convenient for voters.

The broadcast flag gives broadcasters the ability to prevent such use, effectively constraining the flow of important information to the American public.

The broadcast flag is NOT about reducing or eliminating copyright violations. The typical home recorder does not record broadcast shows for sale or distribution. They record broadcast shows for convenience and to preserve information. The courts have validated that this is a fair use of copyright materials. The broadcast industry is proposing the implementation of the broadcast flag to bypass what the courts have already ruled is fair use under copyright law in order to extend their bottom line. Consumers that have made personal use copies of broadcast shows have no need to go out and buy the series on DVD. THAT is what the broadcast industries do not like.

Not only have the courts validated home copying as a fair use activity, but the FCC rules currently require that all broadcast media be broadcast un-encrypted, or "in the clear". The broadcast flag is a way to bypass this regulation. By broadcasting information in an un-encrypted form, but applying technology to prevent its reproduction or redisplay without the content producer's authorization by-passes the intent of the ban on encryption: That use of the public airways be available to the entire public without restriction.

If the broadcast industry is concerned about copyright infringement, they need to take the war to the real enemy: The professional copyright infinger. These are usually overseas operations that make infringing copies by the thousands for sale and distribution either before the media outlet makes their product available or at locations where the the outlet does not make it available. In order to fight that battle, the media industry must engage in both aggressive legal copyright protection and change their business and distribution model so their original product can compete more effectively. By making the original product available in a more timely manner and with broader distribution, the media industry could put the professional infringers out of business. No one will purchase an inferior copy, if a superior quality and authorized version is available at the same time and a comparable price.

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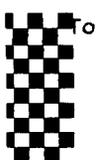
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USA

October 14, 2003

Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Kathleen Abernathy,

I am writing to voice my opposition to any FCC-mandated adoption of "broadcast flag" technology for digital television. As a consumer and citizen, I feel strongly that such a policy would be bad for innovation, consumer rights, and the ultimate adoption of DTV.

A robust, competitive market for consumer electronics must be rooted in manufacturers' ability to innovate for their customers. Allowing movie studios to veto features of DTV-reception equipment will enable the studios to tell technologists what new products they can create. This will result in products that don't necessarily reflect what consumers like me actually want, and it could result in me being charged more money for inferior functionality.

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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