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The broadcast flag is neither in my interest nor the public's interest. It will prevent me from watching digital broadcast television in the ways I currently enjoy analog broadcast television—for example, it will restrict my ability to move the video I have recorded for personal viewing from room-to-room and place-to-place.

The broadcast flag will also lock out my computer as a way to watch my favorite shows using my choice of software on a plane or train, or to send a television clip of a high school football game to family and friends.

Furthermore, if computers cannot freely receive digital television, how can I expect creative developers to discover new devices that enable me to use content in exciting ways I haven't even thought of? I value innovative devices like TiVo, ReplayTV and the Windows Media Center PC, which exist today because they were built to open standards using inexpensive, off-the-shelf computer parts.

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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.

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