

Saturday, October 18 2003

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Dear Michael Copps,

I am very much opposed to any FCC-mandated "broadcast flag" technology for digital television, for two reasons

First, it would severely curtail innovation. A few years ago, no one would have thought it possible to pause live TV, but today we have TiVo and other manufacturers selling products that do just that. There's simply no way to know what kinds of other products would be prevented if this mandate was imposed.

Second, I feel that this mandate would tilt the balance between consumers and copyright owners too far towards copyright owners.

Copyright owners are certainly free to implement any kind of digital rights management they choose. But they should have to take into account consumer acceptance of any restrictions. (Past attempts at digital rights management have not worked well because consumers would not accept the restrictions offered by their proponents.)

By mandating a "broadcast flag" copyright owners would not have to consider consumer acceptance. The restrictions would be mandated by law and consumers would have no choice but to accept them. This kind of mandate interferes with the economic forces that help balance the interests of copyright owners and consumers.

Please do not mandate broadcast flag technology for digital television. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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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.

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