

Wednesday, October 29 2003

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Washington, DC 20554

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The main issue of this regulation is that it will do little to actually prevent the piracy of content, as it will be easy for those who want to distribute content even with this flag to do so. All this regulation does is to prevent the legitimate use of PVRs and VCRs to time shift or record for posterity. In effect it will turn consumers who have fair use rights into criminals to continue using their content as they are currently allowed to.

As a manufacturer and a citizen and consumer of broadcast television, I urge you to promote the digital transition by opposing the broadcast flag.

Steven Vasquez Co-Founder ReQuestMultimediawww.request.com

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Thank You. -Jason Macpherson

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Don't be a tool of Jack Valente. You work for the combined citizenship of the US, not just the MPAA.

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