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Chairman Michael K. Powell
Federal Communications Commission
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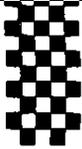
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Mary Alice Grant
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As a teacher, I do not have the financial resources to buy movies or taped programs to show to my classes. Taping programs from the tv opens many more possibilities for us.

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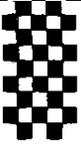
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All American consumers that have heard of the upcoming decision regarding digital television have already expressed their opposition to the FCC's adoption of a "broadcast flag". I am writing to join them. As a user of free and open-source software, adoption of the broadcast flag will mean I am unable to receive digital television broadcasts on my computer, among other devices

It is not the FCC's place to effectively choose the software licenses or computer operating systems that consumers must use in order to watch digital television, which is what would happen if this type of ruling is implemented.

A broadcast flag will stifle invention and innovation in creation of computer software not only having to do with television but with all media, even spilling over into other types of computer software.

The MPAA may say they are looking at consumers' best interests in their quest to lock down all media, but it is just what I have said; a quest to lock down all media, taking away all fair use rights.

I enjoy being able to record television programs onto videotape and now onto DVD to watch at home whenever I have time, and to save programs that I and others in my household enjoy. With the use of this broadcast flag, I would not be able to record these programs onto DVD, even though it is well inside fair use rights that have already been whittled away by the media lobbyists. If these are the sorts of rules that will become prevalent in the future, television will be impossible to enjoy, or even use. It will become expensive, unwieldy, and completely useless.

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Angel Edwards
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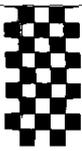
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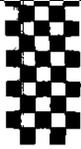
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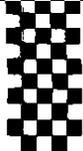
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Dear Chairman Michael K. Powell:

How did this error in judgement come to be? Why must we ban everything that fosters innovation? Must we remember that we would not have things like HDTV or TiVo, or DVD without research and innovation.

Without giving people the ability to learn, understand and build a better product for the world and not just for their pocketbook we can grow into a more efficient society where our creations can impact and make it a better world for everyone and not just for those who have the patent and wish to control the rest of us. The United States is a place of freedom. Banning peoples ability to think freely violates our very foundations.

I agree with certain things like you can not reproduce a CD for resale, but you can reproduce it for a backup copy for your own uses. The same goes for copying a television broadcast for your own viewing.

As long as the individuals who develop new innovations do not sell their improvements that should be allowed. It does not harm the original creators product or idea, it just makes it better.

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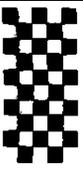
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Most Americans assumed that when television became digital, viewers would be able to do more with television programming, not less. Without innovative new products and flexibility in the ways consumers are able to watch TV, consumers will be less inclined to invest in the equipment to view digital television. Therefore, the broadcast flag is likely to slow adoption of digital television in addition to making it illegal to watch digital television on a computer using open-source software. It is for these reasons I urge you to promote the digital television transition by opposing adoption of the broadcast flag.

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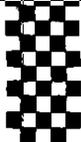
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Dear Chairman Michael K. Powell:

As a future school media specialist and parent, I am opposed to the broadcast flag rule on the grounds that it will impede innovation and access to broadcast media. Examination and critique of broadcast media is an important part of information literacy in the 21st century. Historically, the fair use clause of the copyright law has enabled educators to teach media literacy. The broadcast flag could seriously damage that educational mandate. The broadcast flag rule is clearly not in the best interest of an educated and independent citizenry. Please do not pass the broadcast flag rule.

Sincerely,

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Paula Shuff
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Recently, my son was in a community theater project with the Augusta Players in Augusta, GA. Our local news did a piece on the production and I recorded it. I made a copy for his grandparents and for his brother.

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.

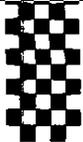
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Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter

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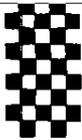
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Dana Hill
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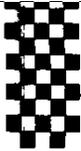
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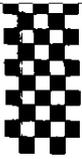
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Dear Chairman Michael K. Powell:

I am a teacher in a public school system. I generally use news broadcasts, short clips from programs, etc. as a one time one use item to help students make decisions, make a issue clearer, present another viewpoint, etc. in my courses. If you pass this, I will be unable to do so. This is a slap to educators and does not serve millions of school students well in this country. Please reconsider your desire to put this into place. In addition, I believe that the following statements are true: As a broadcast television viewer and consumer of electronics and computer products, I urge the Federal Communications Commission to vote against the adoption of a "broadcast flag." I am outraged that the FCC would consider a regulation would restrict the way I enjoy television.

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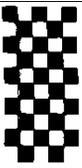
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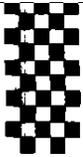
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Dear Chairman Michael K. Powell:

Thousands of American consumers have already expressed their opposition to the FCC's adoption of a "broadcast flag". I am writing to join them. As a user of open-source software, adoption of the broadcast flag will mean I am unable to receive digital television broadcasts on my computer.

Adopting the broadcast flag will make the FCC stand for "Federal Computer Control" which is outside its proper role. It is not the FCC's place to effectively choose the software licenses or computer operating systems that consumers must use in order to watch digital television broadcast on their computers.

Additionally, adoption of the broadcast flag will harm innovation. Many users of open-source software are computer programmers and "tinkerers" who work to improve the software. Their contributions and constant innovation is what makes open-source software able to compete in the marketplace.

The broadcast flag rule advocated by the MPAA will ban open-source implementations of VSB and QAM modulators and demodulators, preventing open-source programmers from innovating in field of digital communications techniques used by television.

Most Americans assumed that when television became digital, viewers would be able to do more with television programming, not less. Without innovative new products and flexibility in the ways consumers are able to watch TV, consumers will be less inclined to invest in the equipment to view digital television. Therefore, the broadcast flag is likely to slow adoption of digital television in addition to making it illegal to watch digital television on a computer using open-source software. It is for these reasons I urge you to promote the digital television transition by opposing adoption of the broadcast flag.

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