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Sincerely,

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USA

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Most importantly, the broadcast flag will impede my legal right to timeshift programming, as guaranteed to me under the US Supreme Court's ruling in *Sony Betamax v. Universal Studios* (464 U.S. 417), by deliberately preventing me from watching shows when I want to. I, for one, will not be transitioning to digital television until my right to timeshift is restored, and I certainly cannot be the only citizen who feels this way.

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N/A
Long Valley, NJ 07853

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It will be a sorry day for the consumers the day this passes! I, for one, will refuse to update to HDTV if this passes!

Tim Taylor 740-622-1215 timltaylor@sbcglobal.net

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